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Rafiah bulldozers raise cloud of confusion — even when still

Jerusalem Post Staff

ulldozing and other earth-moving k in the Rafiah area was stopped ral days ago by the military ernment, according to members n "Action Committee" establishby the settlements in the area. mbers of the committee said erday they had been told that the tary governor acted upon the inctions of the defence minister.

he Defence Ministry spokesman lared last night that "at the end anuary, instructions were given reeze implementation of work side the Rafiah-area lements." These instructions, he said, "were issued in conformity with cabinet decisions."

Sources close to the defence minister told *The Jerusalem Post* earlier that Weizman had recently ordered work stopped on the establishment of a new settlement in the area. That order followed a government decision. It did not indicate any change in government policy. There have been no other orders to stop work, the source said.

Moshe Rivlin, chairman of the Jewish National Fund, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the JNF is not now working in the Rafiah area. "We've finished most of the work we have to do there and have not been working there for some time," he said.

At a meeting with the Editors Committee, which toured the Rafiah area yesterday, members of the Action Committee sharply criticized the government's policy.

They said they had settled the area in line with previous government policy, which called for an Israeli buffer zone between Sinai and the Gaza Strip — under any peace agreement.

"The settlements were put here because it was decided to have this buffer zone. If the government now decides there is no need for such a buffer, then there is no need for the settlements. We can grow tomatoes elsewhere," one spokesman said.

It was totally wrong, they argued, to present the issue of Rafiah as one of maintaining settlements (rather than a buffer zone).

The committee members also charged that the government had not thought through its proposal to restore the area to Egyptian sovereignty while retaining the settlements under Israeli administration and the protection of a local Israeli police force. Such an arrangement would not work in practice, they said. Israeli civilians would be under Israeli law, Egyptian citizens under Egyptian law, and there would be no way of reconciling legal conflicts and other clashes of interest between the two groups.

The committee members also noted that, according to Israel's proposal, there would be free movement into Rafiah from the Israeli and Egyptian sides. This could make it possible for Egypt to flood the area with its own citizens. The government's scheme would lead inevitably to the departure of the settlers, they said.

At a recent meeting with Attorney-General Aharon Barak, at which they brought up these problems, the committee members said it became clear that the government had never considered these practical realities and implications of its Sinai proposal.

One of the members said that the recent ballyhoo about augmenting the existing settlements was a "huge bluff." He said it merely damaged the interests of the region's settlements.

Six parcels of land of 15 dunams each were bulldozed and fenced off. A water tower, storage shed and Beduin guard were placed in some of the parcels. In others, Beduin have themselves settled in and started to work the land.

The settlers said they resented the unfavourable manner in which they were being portrayed — as an obstacle to peace. No one is arguing the case of why the settlements were put there in the first place, they stressed.

There were no physical signs yesterday of a dramatic work stoppage in the El-Arish area. Construction of a road south of Moshav Haruvit continued. The road so far runs about eight kilometres past three footholds located at about two-km. intervals. The road is apparently intended as a short cut to the Bir Lahfan area.

The third foothold on the road has

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The Prime Minister receives a youthful assist into his coat as he prepares to leave the Knesset at the end of yesterday's cabinet meeting. (Zoom 77)

GOVERNMENT STATEMENT

The Government of Israel expresses its regret and protest over the statement made by Secretary of State Vance at the press conference of February 10, 1978.

The secretary of state declared, inter alia:

"With respect to the Sinai settlements, we have said that we believe that all of these settlements are contrary to international law and that, therefore, they should not exist."

The cabinet registers the fact that the latter part of this statement by the secretary of state is in complete contradiction to the remarks made by the president of the United States to the Prime Minister on December 16 and 17, 1977, following the Prime Minister's presentation to the president of the Israeli peace plan. In presenting this plan to the president, the Prime Minister included a specific reference to the continuous existence of the settlements within a United Nations zone, and an Israeli defence contingent for their protection. During the course of the exchange in the White House, not only was no reservation whatsoever made with regard to this reference, but the plan as a whole was received with a positive reaction.

The Government of Israel stands by its view that the Israeli settlement programme is in full harmony with international law and that it always has been legal, legitimate and essential. The United States holds a different viewpoint. However, no communication was transmitted to us — even during the seven weeks after having forwarded, on December 27, 1977, the full text of the

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Sadat seeks Giscard's support

PARIS. — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat arrived here yesterday from Rumania to meet with French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing in the closing stage of his eight-nation tour to gain support for his peace initiative.

Sadat flew into a snow-covered Orly Airport some two hours behind schedule after being delayed by bad weather in Rumania. He was due to leave again early this afternoon for Rome and a meeting with Pope Paul before returning to Cairo.

Immediately after arriving, the Egyptian president held a brief talk with the Chad Ambassador to Paris in a private room at the Orly Airport VIP lounge.

No details of the conversation were released, but it was believed to have centred on Chad's territorial conflict with Libya.

Sadat told reporters he would not be making any public statements on his visit to France until today.

Sadat then met Giscard. Diplomats said Sadat planned to seek France's support for Egypt's demand of a full Israeli pullout. They said Sadat also might submit to Giscard a shopping list for sophisticated French weaponry.

Sadat already has purchased an estimated 40 French Mirage jet fighters and electronic material. He also has won a French pledge to help build an Arab arms industry funded by Saudi Arabia. (Reuter, UPI, AP)

Herut backs Levy on absorption

Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Herut's central committee yesterday backed Absorption Minister David Levy in his struggle with the Jewish Agency over responsibility for immigrant absorption.

A decision adopted unanimously by the committee last night, in the presence of Prime Minister Menahem Begin, said that "handling the new immigrant, from the time he arrives, should be entrusted to the Ministry of Absorption."

The Jewish Agency is seeking responsibility for immigration and absorption.

Addressing the committee last night, Levy called for a special effort to bring back the more than 300,000 Israelis who live abroad.

After sharp cabinet communique

Hope U.S. will rectify its stand on the 'areas'

ASHER WALLFISH and DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Israel expects U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance to try to cushion the impact of his controversial remarks about the Sinai settlements and the need for a Palestinian homeland when he meets Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan in Washington this week, in the light of the sharp reaction by the cabinet yesterday.

Dayan may also meet with President Jimmy Carter — in which case Carter too, Israel hopes, will move to soothe Jerusalem's indignation.

The cabinet communique, read by Prime Minister Menahem Begin to newsmen after a two-and-a-half-hour political debate by the ministers, charged that Vance's remarks on the settlements contradicted earlier statements by Carter to Begin. And it declared that his formula for the West Bank would mean "mortal danger" for Israel. If the price of a peace agreement was to be acceptance of that formula, the cabinet communique clearly implied, then Israel would have to do without such a peace agreement — in the interests of its security and "very existence."

One aim of the cabinet's expression of "distress and protest" was to "stop the backsliding in Washington," senior officials remarked last night in Jerusalem.

The tone of the cabinet statement was agreed by observers to have been sharper than any other, not only since the Likud-led coalition took over, but also for an extended period previously.

This was because the erosion seen in the American position, and the shift towards the Arab viewpoint, appeared more marked than under Labour-led governments — this despite the fact that Begin conceded far more than his predecessors, far more rapidly, officials said.

"The Vance statements are absolutely inexplicable," one knowledgeable source told *The Jerusalem Post* last night. "U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis tried to offer an explanation, but it seemed feeble as well as forced to those who heard its substance."

Another source described the Vance statements as "tactless, undiplomatic, and a sign of inexperience" in a way which could not fail to put Israel's back up. Whatever Washington did now to mollify Israel would inevitably irritate Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, *The Post* was told, and this would make the U.S. mediating role all the more tricky.

The observers said it had been tactless for Vance to say the settlements should not exist. "It would have been more sensible for him to repeat that the U.S. regarded them as illegal and that they should never have been established in the first place."

Dayan has apparently been instructed to tackle Vance about the timing and the substance of his remarks, as soon as possible. Begin is expected to make a statement today to reporters outside the Prime Minister's Office at noon. By that time the Prime Minister should have some indication which way the wind is blowing in Washington.

There appears to be no intention of asking Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton to delay his next shuttle trip to the Middle East, scheduled for a week today.

Nor it there any indication that Washington would want to dealy Atherton's mission.

The hopes that the cabinet communique will create a more considerate climate in Washington were not, however, the cabinet's motive for issuing it, according to high sources here. Top policy-makers simply felt that Vance's statement could not be left without a plainly spoken Israeli response. "It was impossible to let that pass without a reaction," one source explained.

"They (the U.S.) have to understand that we are not the kind of people whose arms they can just twist...," another source declared. "When they appreciate that, everything will return to normal."

The premier and his aides evidently considered Vance's observation that the Sinai settlements "should not exist" a new and dangerous departure in the enunciation of American policy.

There was all the difference, high Israeli sources explained, between past American statements asserting the illegality of the settlements and this latest one which urged their physical removal. The sources insisted that the previous American assertions of illegality had not necessarily implied the need to remove the settlements. "America never recognized, for instance, the legality of Jordan's annexation of the West Bank in 1948," one source argued. "But it certainly did accept the situation *de facto*, and did not urge that it be physically changed."

Another well-placed policy-maker termed the secretary's pronouncement "unprecedentedly serious" in that Washington had thereby clearly endorsed the position of one of the parties on a key disputed issue.

Similarly on the West Bank question, the cabinet communique in effect accuses Washington of backtracking from President Carter's original approval — and even praise — of Begin's peace plan. That plan, the communique says,

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Indira Gandhi stoned at election campaign rally

NEW DELHI (UPI). — Youths threw rocks at former prime minister Indira Gandhi yesterday as she addressed an election campaign rally in eastern India, the national news agency Samachar reported.

The rocks narrowly missed Gandhi, but an aide was slightly injured when one hit his arm, the report said.

Security men assigned to Gandhi by the government protected her face with pillows during the 15-minute speech from a raised platform.

The incident occurred at Silchar, in the eastern Indian state of Assam, which is voting on February 24 to elect a new legislative assembly.

This was the third time rocks have been hurled at Gandhi during the past seven days.

Dayan: U.S. taking sides

By MALKA RABINOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

W YORK. — Foreign Minister he Dayan yesterday followed up cabinet protest over U.S. retary of State Cyrus Vance's claration that the Sinai lements "should not exist" by estioning America's role in least talks.

I am afraid he (Vance) is taking es now, which won't make his job a mediator any easier for us," d Dayan in an appearance over C's nationally televised "Meet Press." The foreign minister ied:

"If (Vance) represents the government, then the American administration is taking sides."

Underlining the cabinet's ference to earlier American owledge of Israel's plan, Dayan d Israel had gone ahead only after ling it had President Carter's ssing.

Referring to Prime Minister gin's meetings at the White House t December, when Begin put ward Israel's peace proposal in pect to Sinai, Dayan said.

"That plan included the lements staying where they are, d we believe the president found the plan satisfactory ... We went to the Egyptians with this plan only after the president in a way accepted it, found it satisfactory."

That being the case, said Dayan, Vance should not have come out against the settlements at this moment. Alternatively, the president should have voiced his objections to Begin "before we presented our plan to the Egyptians."

The foreign minister was asked whether an American plan for some kind of linkage between a Palestinian homeland and Jordan fell within the category of being unacceptable to Israel.

"If it leads to a Palestinian state, then it does," said Dayan. "If it does not, and is just a kind of linkage between the Palestinian Arabs who live in the West Bank and who are Jordanian citizens and vote for the parliament in Amman, then it does not fall within this category."

Dayan acknowledged the public-relations difficulties Israel may be encountering in the wake of the visit here by President Sadat when he said:

"I am told that President Sadat is very popular and that Israel is coming down as far as popularity is concerned."

October' editor says Sadat ould opt for separate peace

IRO (UPI). — An influential yptian editor yesterday said that country may opt for a separate ce settlement should his Arab opments insist that President Anwar dat speak only for Egypt.

s Menrour, editor of "October" ly, wrote in his column that gypt may still consider the ssibility of negotiating a separate ace with Israel following eclarations by the Palestine iberation Organization that Sadat not empowered to speak on behalf the Palestinians.

Another columnist, Moussa Sabry "Al-Akhbar," wrote yesterday at he believes it unlikely that fred Atherton, U.S. assistant cretary of state, will succeed in rrowing the Egyptian-Israeli ferences when he resumes his uttle diplomacy next week.

Sabry also cautioned that peace efrts should reach concrete results fore next October, when the Sinai interim agreement expires.

"I strongly doubt that Atherton will succeed, because the issue of Palestinian rights remains the principal obstacle," Sabry said. He added that political negotiations between Egypt and Israel would not be resumed [illegible] rapprochement" of views was realized first.

"If Atherton's efforts fail, a new situation will arise making it imperative for the American administration to play a positive role. But the big question is, will the American administration play this role?

"We have to wait, but we will not wait indefinitely, because the positions of all parties should be crystallized before next October, when the disengagement agreement is scheduled to expire," Sabry wrote. "Egypt then will be absolved of all its commitments, and a new situation will explode."

00,000 Somalis denounce Soviets

OGADISHU, Somalia (UPI). — ns of thousands of Somalis chang "Down with Russia, Down with ba" demonstrated yesterday in pport of the government's decision declare a state of emergency and nd troops against Ethiopia in the aden desert.

An estimated 100,000 people, some aring uniforms but most in bright-coloured civilian dress, gathered a huge field in central Mogadishu, ere they were addressed by mali President Siad Barre.

Barre told the throng that the tement by U.S. Secretary of State rus Vance on Friday, calling for a mali withdrawal from the Ogaden ion of Ethiopia, had put an end to malia's hopes of receiving arms l from the western world.

But he said Somalia would con ue to fight using its own sources.

Western diplomatic analysts here viewed the massive rally and the statement which announced the government's moves on Saturday as efforts to get the population behind the government at a time of sagging morale.

After seven months of fighting in the Ogaden, Somali forces reportedly have fallen back in the face of a two-pronged offensive by the Ethiopians which was spearheaded by Soviet and Cuban military personnel in tanks and warplanes.

Ethiopia declared yesterday in an official communique that its offensive would stop at the Ethiopian border and would not continue into Somalia.

In another development, Egypt yesterday called for an immediate cease-fire and offered to mediate between the two countries.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman, quoted by the Middle East News Agency, warned that the tense situation in the Horn of Africa might lead to "grave consequences" endangering the area and the world. He said Egypt supports efforts by Sudan, Nigeria and other African countries to settle the crisis peacefully.

The spokesman stopped short of mentioning an Egyptian policy statement published by the semi-official newspaper "Al Ahram" a day earlier calling for self-determination for Ethiopia's disputed regions of Eritrea and Ogaden.

The call for self-determination was considered a shift in Egypt's policy, which has been discouraging secessionist movements since the breakdown of its union with Syria in 1961. Eritrean rebels were barred from attending last year's Afro-Arab summit conference in Cairo within the same line.

'Hirbet Hiza' goes on the air tonight, by 18-4 vote

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In an anticlimactic vote that followed nearly five hours of heated debate, the Broadcasting Authority plenum last night reaffirmed its previous decision to screen the controversial TV film "Hirbet Hiza" as soon as possible.

The film will be broadcast on "The Third Hour" after "Mabat" tonight, along with a special round-table discussion — pre-empting a scheduled "re-run" programme about Spinoza. "Hirbet Hiza" may win a record TV audience, following the furore that has been raised and the resulting publicity.

It will bring to life a novella written in 1949 by former Rafi and Mapai Knesset member Yizhar Smilansky, known as S. Yizhar. The story relates the eviction of Arab settlers from a fictional village by Israeli forces during the 1948 War of Independence.

"Hirbet Hiza" will be aired exactly a week after it was supposed to appear on Israel TV: an appeal by two members of the authority's board of directors to Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer resulted in the minister's decision to leave the ruling on when to broadcast it to the 31-member public plenum.

The responsibility of decision attracted a record 23 members of the plenum. Many of the members — appointed by the President and representing political parties, institutions of higher learning, the arts and the like — rarely attend sessions.

It was apparent, from authority chairman Walter Eytan's 40-minute presentation to the last speech, that each member had already made up his mind how to vote. The vote in favour of Eytan's resolution ("to reaffirm the authority's previous decision and approve screening as *soon as possible*") was 18 to 4, with one abstention. Those voting against were Yitzhak Meir (National Religious Party), Danny Vermus (cultural adviser to Hammer), lawyer Haim Kahan (Poalei Agudat Yisrael), and Hanoch Kalai (of the Hebrew Language Academy). Ora Grabelsky of the Education Ministry's department for adult education abstained. Dr. Eli Tavin of Herut — who, with Meir, appealed to Hammer — was not present during the vote.

Eliezer Marcus, a Jerusalem educator, argued that the film should be screened because it "presents us as human and does not endanger our right to live here."

Other supporters of the film claimed that showing it would not damage Israel's image, but only prove the "openness of our society and willingness to discuss sensitive issues." Mahmoud Abassi, a Moslem said he would vote in favour of screening. "Arab propagandists have not used the book to their advantage. We can learn from this story and rebuild ourselves," he asserted.

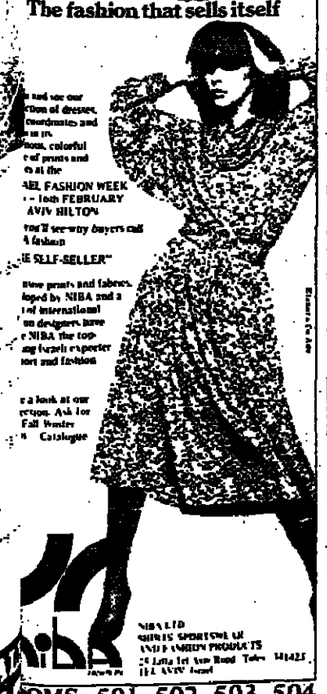
Other members said that it may have been a mistake to produce the film in the first place (it cost TV house IL600,000), but that the film

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The Banias — Tel el Faher, the Hermon
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Registration will close on Monday, February 13, 1978 at 12 noon.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Rise in temperature, drop in humidity.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Max
Jerusalem	26	4—16	18
Golan	47	3—16	17
Nahariya	63	6—18	19
Safad	57	3—12	13
Haifa Port	59	7—17	19
Tiberias	47	5—19	22
Nazareth	42	6—17	18
Afula	39	2—20	22
Shomron	19	6—18	20
Tel Aviv	46	8—19	21
B-G Airport	67	4—21	23
Jericho	21	7—23	25
Gaza	56	8—17	18
Beersheba	19	4—21	24
Eilat	24	11—24	24
Tiran Straits	33	13—23	24

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis and Mrs. Lewis visited the Technion in Haifa yesterday and were received by president Amos Horev.

Kaare Kristiansen, head of the Christian Democratic Party in Norway, and his wife, and Kai Sotrop, general manager of SAS in Norway, and his wife, were dinner guests last night of MK Menahem Savidor and Mrs. Savidor.

The chief rabbi of Rumania, Rabbi Dr. Moshe Rosen, and Mrs. Rosen were guests of the Tel Aviv Municipality at a reception yesterday.

Yoseph Uziely, treasurer of the Jerusalem Municipality, will speak about "The Municipal Budget for 1978" at the meeting of the Rotary Club Jerusalem-West, at 7 p.m. tonight, at the King David Hotel.

Dr. Louis Miller, chief psychiatrist at the Health Ministry, will discuss "Cultural Stress and Creativity in Israel" (in English) at the Hebrew University Forum, 8 p.m. tonight, at the United Synagogue Centre, 2 Agron, Jerusalem.

The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities will sponsor a lecture by Rudolph M. Block, academy member, on "Occasional Whiteness of the Dead Sea," at 6:15 p.m. tomorrow at the academy, 43 Jabotinsky, Jerusalem.

ARRIVALS

Peter Thomas, at the head of a delegation of 37 friends of Israel from the British Conservative Party, for a one-week visit.

Rene Radius, heading the Regional and Local Planning Committee of the Council of Europe, for a week of meetings.

Esther R. Landa, national president, National Council of Jewish Women, U.S.; Marjorie M. Cohen, executive director; Jessie Brilliant, Marilyn Flanzbaum, Marlee Halper, Barbara Mandel, Ann Robison, Harriet Rosenthal and Rosetta Standig — for meetings of the board of directors of the NCJW Research Institute for Innovation in Education of the Hebrew University School of Education.

NA'AMAT Pioneer Women from 12 countries will gather on Wednesday at the Jerusalem Theatre, and not as reported yesterday.

Peres: Israel must make territorial concessions

VIENNA (Reuter). — Israel Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres yesterday pledged support for Prime Minister Menahem Begin's peace policies and said Israel must make territorial concessions.

Peres told a round-table conference of the Socialist International here that the Labour Party had different views on ways of achieving a Middle East settlement, but would not undermine Begin's negotiating position.

"If the Labour Party wants to have influence, it must let the government operate without hindrance," he told a news conference.

The Israeli opposition leader was invited to attend the conference of 21 social democratic parties to outline his party's views on peace negotiations between Israel and Egypt.

Peres said Labour Party policy was that Israel would have to make territorial concessions and would have to allow Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank to retain their identity. He said the West Bank should be linked to Jordan, which should be brought into the peace process as soon as possible.

Peres told the press he had reaffirmed to the conference that a Labour government in Israel would follow the same policy as Begin in refusing to deal with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). He said some of the delegates had criticized his party's stand, but this was "a disagreement among friends."

Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, the conference chairman, has come out in favour of the PLO being represented in any comprehensive peace talks. Last week he said Israel would have to become more flexible if peace talks were to succeed.

Kreisky convened the round-table conference to discuss the results of three socialist fact-finding missions to the Middle East since 1974. Both he and Peres also reported on their talks in Salzburg Saturday with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

Kreisky said he had been impressed by the Egyptian leader's determination to find a solution to the Middle East crisis. "He really is prepared to go to the end of the world for peace," the chancellor said.

The one-day conference provided Peres with the chance for more talks with Egyptian politicians after his one-hour meeting with Sadat. At the invitation of Kreisky, a delegation from the Egyptian Arab Socialist Union is now in Vienna.

The Egyptians are not attending the conference as they are not members of the 54-nation Socialist International.

Little progress seen in solving Lebanon's problems

BEIRUT (Reuter). — Syrian and Lebanese leaders ended lengthy talks yesterday with few signs of genuine progress towards solving the deep-rooted problems underlying fighting last week between Syrian troops and Lebanese regulars and rightist militiamen.

An estimated 150 people were killed in the fighting, which brought a high-ranking Syrian delegation led by Foreign Minister Abdel-Halim Khaddam hurrying to Beirut on Saturday. He left yesterday after reaching an apparent compromise aimed at averting an all-out confrontation between Syria and the Lebanese right.

The Lebanese commander of the 30,000-strong Syrian-dominated Arab League peace-keeping force, Lieutenant-Colonel Sami Khatib, told reporters after the talks that the two sides had agreed to set up a joint military tribunal to deal with security violations.

A mixed Syrian-Lebanese commission of inquiry has begun investigating the troubles.

The fighting flared last Tuesday between Lebanese Army regulars and Syrian troops at a Lebanese barracks at Fayyadiya, on the eastern outskirts of the war-shattered city. It later spread to Beirut itself and involved rightist militiamen.

According to informed sources, Syria originally demanded that those deemed responsible for the Fayyadiya clashes, including barracks commander Antoine Barakat, be handed over to Syrian military authorities.

Analysts said Syrian insistence on its demand would have resulted in a continued showdown between Damascus and the Lebanese rightist parties. The mixed tribunal was seen by rightist officials as a face-saving compromise.

The clashes erupted under smouldering rightist disenchantment with the Syrians, who halted the 1975-76 civil war after switching their support from Lebanon's Leftist-Palestinian alliance to the beleaguered right in the latest stages of the conflict.

The Jerusalem Post reporter in Metulla adds:

Major Sa'ad Haddad, commander of the enclave north of Metulla, called on residents to announce in the south the establishment of a Lebanese government-in-exile that would declare the Syrians invaders. Christian political activists in the south believe that is the only way the Syrians can be expelled.

Extreme tension prevails in southern Lebanon, and last week the exchanges of fire continued between Lebanese forces and Palestinian terrorists. In the exchanges, cannon, mortars and light arms were used; and Lebanese who came to the "Good Fence" said the terrorists fired rockets as well. The tension apparently is a reaction to events in Beirut, and many Lebanese see Israel as the only guarantor of Lebanon's independence.

Today hundreds of Lebanese residents of Rmeish expect to demonstrate at the "Good Fence" for Lebanese solidarity against the Syrians. Lebanese spokesmen told reporters that desperate cries for help had been received from farther north and that the news that reached the south was the gravest since the *outbreak of the civil war two years* ago.



Yizhar Cohen and the Alef-Bet group sing "A-ba-ni-bi" at the Israel Song Festival at the Jerusalem Theatre on Saturday night. Controversy surrounds the first prize won by "A-ba-ni-bi." (Rahamim Yisraeli)

Seven terrorist suspects arrested

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A group of six men and a woman suspected of a number of terrorist actions have been detained, the army said yesterday.

A spokesman said they belonged to the Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PDFLP) founded by Nayef Hawatma.

He said the activities carried out by the group included placing an explosive charge in the municipal market in Beersheba last July which injured 28 people, firing at an Israeli vehicle in the Hebron area a year ago, bazooka fire at an army camp last July, and an attempt to fire a mortar shell at an army camp the month before.

One of the group was killed while trying to place an explosive charge in the Beersheba industrial quarter a year ago, the spokesman said.

Zionist youth call for settlement

With a call to Zionist youth to settle in the Land of Israel, the Second Zionist Congress for Youth opened at Jerusalem's Binyenei Ha'ooma yesterday with 900 delegates attending.

Two youth delegates will take part for the first time at the 29th Zionist Congress, to be held in Jerusalem next week.

There were sharp divisions on the settlement issue and the congress eventually decided to call on Jewish youth to settle in the Land of Israel, in recognition of the Jewish people's right to the land, "each according to his view." (Itim)

ARSON is suspected as the cause of a fire in a flat in Rehov Roni, Tel Aviv, on Saturday night. Police say the owner of the flat is a drug-user. No one was at home when the blaze started, apparently in two spots in the flat simultaneously.

Discord in festival as No. 2 tune contests winning song

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Disharmony erupted over the results of the Israel Song Festival held on Saturday night in Jerusalem. The first prize, which carries with it the right to represent Israel at the prestigious Eurovision Song Festival, was awarded to "A-ba-ni-bi," sung by Yizhar Cohen and the Alef-Bet group.

But the publisher of the second-place song, "Belev Ehad," sung by Hedva Amrami and the White Pepper group, yesterday claimed that his song had been bumped from first place by bending the festival rules.

Publisher Steve Gilston told *The Jerusalem Post* that, according to the rules, a panel of eight judges were supposed to decide in the event of a voting tie. He said that none of the judges had been consulted even though both "Belev Ehad" and "A-ba-ni-bi" had received 66 points in the popular vote of listeners.

A lawyer is preparing a case against the festival organizers on behalf of songwriter Haim Hefer and lyricist Dubi Seltzer, Gilston said.

The winning song was written by Nurit Hirah with words by Ehud Manor. The title is derived from a children's code which places the Hebrew letter bet between every syllable. "A-ba-ni-bi" means "*ani*" (I) and is short for "Ani Ohev Otach" (I love you).

Lewis says talks with Begin were 'vigorous' but not 'tough'

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis yesterday likened the "very close relationship" between his country and Israel to "family ties — with occasional misunderstandings."

Speaking after a luncheon at the Usfiya home of Zeidan Atshe, the Druse MK and former consul in New York, Lewis said, "To the extent that you can make peace without our help, no one will be happier than we. But if you need our aid you'll have it. If you need help for your future defence and security, you'll have it."

Asked to comment on reports that his talks with the Prime Minister and members of his cabinet on Saturday had been "tough," Lewis maintained, "Our talks were long, vigorous and good — but not tough."

"I have vigorous discussions with your leaders on occasions, and we may argue about the tactics of achieving peace, but not about the principles."

Atshe had invited the ambassador, his wife, and members of the U.S. embassy to meet some young Druse and Arab intellectuals, Moslem and Christian, for first-hand talks on how the minorities live in Israel.

Atshe said he wanted the ambassador to know that the non-Jewish population was also "vitally committed" to the survival and well-being of Israel, and asked him to convey to President Carter and the U.S. administration the fact of coexistence in Israel of Jews and non-Jews.

RAFIAH

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four water tanks instead of two, as in the other footholds. It appears that the two extra tanks were or are to be used on another foothold. This site has a sign identifying it as an experimental farming station of Moshav Ugda.

There are at present six foothold sites, each of which has been assigned to a different moshav, in an attempt to fit them into the government's definition of "strengthening existing agricultural settlements." The footholds, which are fenced-in areas bearing a small fibreglass house and two water tanks, are all within a six-km. radius of Moshav Haruvit (also known as Tarsag). They have been assigned to moshavim located from 10 to 30 km. away.

The Jerusalem Post yesterday revisited three sites near Abu Ageila, where ground work began about January 11. The ground work has been completed, but no development work has been done. There is no fence, house or water tank at these sites which lie from 12 to 19 km. southeast of Bir Lahfan. There is no indication of a sudden work stoppage there. It appears that groundwork was finished and orders were simply never given to construct a foothold. The three sites along the road south of Haruvit appeared yesterday to have received water installations and a pump attached to the two water tanks, as well as the pipe leading down to the new road from the foothold. Ground preparations on the road itself was continuing yesterday and Jewish National Fund earthmoving equipment was seen at the end of the road, about eight km. southwest of the main road to El-Ariah.

Some sources suggested an element of rivalry between Weizman and the chairman of the Ministerial Committee on Settlement, Ariel Sharon, may be behind the reports and confusion.

According to these suggestions, Sharon may have leaked the report that Weizman stopped the work to harm the defence minister politically. Sharon criticized the Defence Ministry for being skimpy on aid to new settlements, when he addressed the Herut central committee last month.

Observers also suggest that Israel may be interested in a state of confusion over what is actually happening.

Israel Radio last night quoted sources in the Defence Ministry as saying the work was stopped temporarily several weeks ago, before Weizman went to Cairo. That stoppage will probably be reviewed and work is expected to be renewed shortly, the radio reported.

This confusion was furthered by a source close to the Prime Minister who said that the work has been "completed," while Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Zippori denied the radio report.

SINAI STAND

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received "the moral support" of the U.S.

High Israeli sources close to the Begin-Carter talks of last December assert that this is, if anything, an understatement, and that the U.S. leaders used several expressions of welcome and high regard from the Israeli proposals. They dismiss any notion that there was a misunderstanding between the two leaders or that Begin was too sanguine in gauging the American response.

However, it is believed that the American position is that Vance's statement on the Sinai settlements did *not* represent any new departure in American policy, or in the enunciation of it.

Other observers thought Israel might have had one eye on its pending arms requests now before the administration — and on similar requests from Saudi Arabia and Egypt. The cabinet communique, according to this theory, was designed to induce a more favourable treatment of the Israeli requests — and a more parsimonious approach to the Arabs.

There was also criticism to be heard last night in some quarters of the cabinet communique's reference to Saudi Arabia, alongside Iraq, Syria and Jordan, as part of "a potential military alignment" against Israel to be spearheaded by a Palestinianian state, should it be allowed to come into existence. This mention of Saudi Arabia, lumping it with the ultra-radicals, would do little to encourage moderation in Riyadh, some observers pointed out.

Youth stabbed to death

LOD (Itim). — A 24-year-old youth was found stabbed to death with a pocket knife here last night in an alley of the old city.

Eliahu Amsallem was pronounced dead on arrival at Assaf Harofeh Hospital. Upon hearing of his death, his family went wild at the hospital and were restrained by police.

U.S. Treasury head in Europe secretly

WASHINGTON (AP). — U.S. Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal was in Paris on Saturday night preparing for secret meetings today in Bonn with finance ministers from England, France, West Germany and Japan, a Treasury Department source said.

Postal workers plan next step over pay demand

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The postal worke section of the Civil Servants Unio will meet in Jerusalem this morni to plan the next move in the struggle for a 40 per cent wage i crease, retroactive to last Augu The postal workers staged a thre day countrywide strike last week and warned of an indefinite strike their demands were not met.

Postal workers' representativ met yesterday with Haim Bernstei secretary of the union, who tried persuade them not to carry out th threat of a longer strike.

Bernstein offered several alte natives, including voluntary arbitr tion, an appearance before t Histadrut central committee, or co sultation with an attorney over inte pretation of the labour contra clause which they claim entit them to the same 40 per cent crease granted by the Civil Aviati Authority.

The postal workers promis Bernstein a reply to his propos after today's meeting.

Yehuda Avner now in inner circle

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The Prime Minister's adviser Diaspora affairs, Yehuda Avner, h been asked to devote more of time to affairs of state.

In what is in effect a signific promotion for Avner, Premier Be has brought him into the inner cir of political aides. He was the o member of the premier's bure present on Saturday night at t tough three-hour talks betwe Begin and U.S. Ambassador Sam Lewis.

During recent months Avner h increasingly been involved in t political side of the Prime Ministe work (while still maintaini responsibility for Begin's ties w Diaspora leaders). He has been official note-taker on the Israeli s at several key meetings with Eg and the U.S., and has helped draf ficial documents.

Avner was brought into t premier's bureau by Yitzhak Rab whom he had served at t Washington embassy as an inform tion counsellor.

Ruffians attack elderly couple

TEL AVIV (Itim). — An aged co were brutally attacked by two th who broke into their home i yesterday afternoon. The men f ed their way via the balcony into t flat of Nandor and Blanca Av aged 84 and 74, of Rehov Habash

They pushed the old man into toilet, locked the door and turned the old woman. When she cried that there was no money in the f they stabbed her and escaped.

The couple were hospitalized. police still do not know if anyth was stolen, as the two are still shocked to give a coherent acco of what happened.

A youth seen lurking suspicio in the vicinity is being held questioning.

Paralysed girl gets IL3m. compensation

BEERSHEBA (Itim). — The st was ordered to pay IL3m. in comp sation to a 17-year-old girl paraly after an accident in an army vehic

Orit Korkus lost the use of lower body when the pick-up tr on which she was hitch-hiking o turned on the Arava road north Eilat nearly two years ago.

The district court here authori a compromise worked out betw the girl's lawyers and th representing the state. The sum IL400,000, due to be paid by National Insurance Institute, deducted from the total.

HIRBET

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should not be censored now.

Some noted that now was not time to broadcast it, in light of sitive peace negotiations in prog

Asher Wallfish adds:

At yesterday's weekly cabinet sion, Premier Menahem Be declared that Education Mini Zevulun Hammer had been w his authority when he decided t the Broadcasting Authority pleni to decide whether or not "Hir Hiza" should be screened on tel sion.

Begin's purpose in making this nouncement, according to cab secretary Arye Naor, was to di any doubts on the legality of minister's action, in the wake o report in one daily newspaper t Hammer's action had been illeg

The cabinet will discuss the Bro casting Authority Law some tim the next six weeks, since it has name the new candidates for next authority plenum, for President's approval, before Apri The cabinet discussion will refl complications caused by the "Hir Hiza" controversy. Some minist are thought to favour changing law to give the education minis wider powers.

Hammer said last night that would accept the authority's de sion, "although I have my o opinion." In an official communiq the minister added, "I hope we soon have the opportunity to disc the substance of the relations between conscience, authority a responsibility."

On the third anniversary of the death of

ELIEZER FRIEDLAND ל"ז

Poet — Teacher

we will honour his memory at a memorial gathering to be held at the Eretz Haim Cemetery (near the Har Tuv junction) today, Monday, February 13, at 4 p.m.

The Family

Israel Edible Products Ltd.

blue band-telma

mourns the death of its friend

ANTOINE BATHISH ל"ז

and shares the grief of the family.

The Management.

Labor Zionist Movement — USA
mourns the untimely passing of

Dr ARNULF M. PINS

and extends condolences to the family.

Labor Zionist Alliance **Pioneer Women**
Labor Zionist Communal Workers Division
Habonim/Dror

The Zionist Federation **The Jewish Agency**
The Department for Immigration and Absorption

deeply mourn the passing of

ARNIE PINS

Associate Director, J.D.C. in Israel
and extend sincere condolences to the family

The Dean and the Faculty of Health Sciences of
Ben Gurion University in the Negev

mourn the untimely death of

Prof. ARNULF PINS

and convey their condolences to the bereaved family

هكذا من الأصل

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of
our beloved wife, mother and grandmother
the Rabbanit

SHAINE ASNAT MIRKIN
(nee Seeff)

(formerly of Johannesburg)

The funeral will leave today, Monday, February 13, (6 Adar Alef 5738), at 6:30 p.m. from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, Rehov Dafna, Tel Aviv, for the Zichron Meir Cemetery in Bnei Brak.

The Bereaved:
Her husband, Rabbi Shalom Yitzhak Mirkin
Her daughter, the Rabbanit Bessie Kay
Her son-in-law, grandchildren and
the family in Israel and abroad.

The *Shiva* will be held at the home of the deceased, Rehov Chisin 15, Tel Aviv.

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of our
dear husband, father, brother and grandfather

JACOB HALEVY ל"ז

of Brighton, England

The funeral will take place tomorrow, Tuesday, February 14, 1978 at 3.30 p.m. from the New Main Gate, Holon Cemetery.

The bereaved family
in Israel and abroad

The World Jewish Congress

mourns the death of

JACOB HALEVY

honorary member of its General Council and long-time Chairman of its British Section.

Our sincere condolences to the bereaved family.

The Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland
and its Israel Office

are profoundly grieved at the passing of their
Honorary Vice-President

JACOB HALEVY ז"ל

who dedicated his life to the service of his people.
We offer our heartfelt condolences to the family.

Heartiest congratulations
to the veteran founder of Bar-Kochba
LUDWIG MAYER
on the occasion of his 99th birthday.
עד מאה ועשרים!
Union of Veterans of Bar-Kochba
Hakoah Berlin

Seamen warn of drastic action in 48 hours

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The seamen's unions yesterday warned they would take drastic new measures to bring their dispute with the shipping companies to a "speedy decision," unless an agreement is reached within 48 hours.

This followed the shipping companies' rejection of a Histadrut invitation for talks with the unions. The companies insisted that agreement must be reached first on provisions for preventing future strikes in the merchant navy.

Yesterday afternoon the unions permitted the freighter Jasmine to enter port to unload most of her cargoes, for which injunctions had been issued. The cargo included raw materials for the Soltam ammunitions plant. Today the Zim Hongkong is also to come into port, under court orders.

A director of the Or-Mat company, *Shamai Mittelman*, told *The Jerusalem Post* that they had a turbine and parts for a second one on the ship, for delivery to Canada. If the turbine fails to reach its destination by March 1, they stand to lose an order for 24 turbines; they are therefore ready to airfreight it to Canada, at a cost of over $1,000, if it can be unloaded. He noted that, as a result of the delay, the company had already lost $10,000: it cannot afford to lose its Canadian market, he added.

Zim is already operating 70 foreign flag ships to keep open all its lines. These include 25 charters since the strike started, chartered vessels that have been in service before and were kept on, and the ships Zim operates regularly under foreign flags.

Histadrut for pay rise of 10-15%

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Executive yesterday approved the Trade Union Department's wage policy despite objections raised by parties in opposition to the Labour majority.

The policy calls for pay rises of between 10 and 15 per cent and of more than 15 per cent in profitable industries and firms. A minimum beginning wage of IL95 a day will also be demanded for production workers.

Comprehensive pension rights, equalization of social benefits in industry to those in service occupations, and training opportunities — both for the advancement of individual workers and for the works committees — are among the other demands.

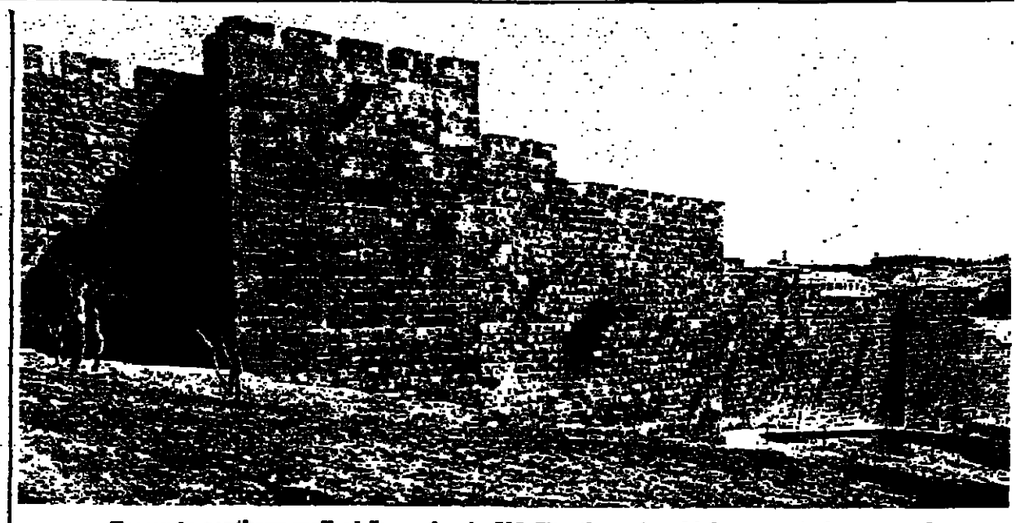
Histadrut Secretary-General Yeruham Meshel stressed that the Histadrut's union policy can only be carried out if the government does its share to curb inflation by holding down taxes, costs of government services and prices of subsidized commodities. He added that the Histadrut has decided to sign one-year contracts because of the instability of the economy.

He warned that cost-of-living increments will be demanded more often than twice a year if inflation continues at its current rate.

A representative of the Democratic Movement for Change asked if firms which can't even afford a 10 per cent wage increase should be closed down, thus creating unemployment. Meshel said that the Histadrut is not an insurance company.

The Likud tried to raise the issue of the seamen's strike, but the Labour majority had no difficulty voting down the motion at the suggestion of the secretary-general. Meshel explained that negotiations are going on between the Histadrut and the shipping companies, but because they are in a delicate stage, he did not want the subject debated for fear the results might interfere with negotiations.

The executive committee of Hapoel Hamizrachi last night approved the political and professional proposals of the organization for 1978/79. These advocate control of inflation, payment of a cost-of-living increase after sharp increases in the c-o-l index, increase in the minimum wage, and a short work week.



Tower in southern wall of Jerusalem's Old City through which new gate is proposed.

Panel can't decide on new Old City gate

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An archaeological advisory panel could not arrive at a decision yesterday on a proposal to open a new gate in Jerusalem's Old City wall.

The gate is proposed for the southern wall 100 metres east of Zion Gate. It would serve to bring traffic via Mount Zion to a proposed underground parking terminal just inside the city wall at the edge of the Jewish Quarter.

In view of the conflicting opinions expressed by members of the preservation subcommittee of the Archaeological Advisory Council at a meeting yesterday, it was decided to pass the issue on to the full council next week. The 16th-century wall is protected by the Antiquities Ordinance, as a historical monument, from any arbitrary change.

Proponents of the gate, including Mayor Teddy Kollek, say that it is a solution in keeping with the objective of making modern life possible in an ancient city. Opponents see it as a violation of one of the city's treasures.

The gate is proposed by the Company for the Reconstruction of the Jewish Quarter (CRJQ). It had originally planned an 80-metre-long tunnel beneath the wall as a link to the proposed four-storey underground terminal with up to 1,000 parking spaces. This idea, however, was dropped for several reasons, according to the CRJQ. A loop road approach to the tunnel on Mount Zion would have necessitated an incursion into church-owned land adjacent to St. Peter in Gallicantus. In addition, archaeological remains were found in the proposed route. The high cost of the tunnel was also a factor in the decision to seek an above-ground approach.

"I was delighted when the company decided against the tunnel," says landscape architect Shlomo Aronson, who had designed the tunnel approaches. "I felt that a tunnel was the wrong concept. It just isn't right to enter the Old City like a mole through a modern concrete tunnel lit by neon lights and get out in the lower floor of a modern garage."

Aronson was asked by the CRJQ to design a gateway. He proposed two alternative designs — a single and a double gateway. Either would be 5.3 metres high, a third of the 16-metre height of the wall at this point. The gate would pierce one of the projecting abutments in the wall.

Kollek and Meron Benvenisti, deputy mayor in charge of planning, favour the gate as part of a broad scheme that would eventually close all the other city gates to regular traffic.

Principally affected would be Jaffa Gate, which is today the main vehicular entry into the Old City. It would be narrowed by restoring the ancient moat section over which part of the present roadway passes. Only emergency vehicles and the vehicles of the Greek, Latin and Armenian patriarchs would be permitted entry.

Dung Gate would likewise accommodate only emergency vehicles. Kollek said Friday that Lion's Gate and the New Gate would also eventually be barred to vehicular traffic when parking facilities were made available outside.

Opposition to the gate has been expressed by some members of the archaeological community.

"The wall has been standing hundreds of years — why touch it?" says Dan Bahat, who until last month was Jerusalem district archaeologist of the Antiquities Department. He favours continuation of traffic through Jaffa Gate.

Aronson says such traffic is not only an intrusion into the life of the Old City but endangers by its vibrations the foundations of ancient structures in the Armenian Quarter as well.

Archaeologist Meir Ben-Dov, who has been responsible for the excavations outside the southern city wall, said last night that if a new opening were made it should not be in the tower proposed by Aronson. "He's taken the prettiest tower between Zion and Dung Gates and wants to open it."

An opening could be made in a neutral place closer to Zion Gate, he said; and it should be just that — a simple opening in the wall and not an arched gateway. "With Aronson's eastern design, you wouldn't be able to tell in a year whether the gate was built by Suleiman the Magnificent or by Teddy Kollek. Gateways were built as parts of fortifications. We don't need fortifications now — just an opening in the wall."

Before any opening is decided on, however, the digs being carried out by Prof. Nahman Avigad on the site of the proposed terminal should first be completed, said Ben-Dov. If extremely valuable archaeological finds were made in the coming year, he said, it might be decided not to build a terminal which would destroy them.

The Archaeological Advisory Council's recommendations are not binding on the Antiquities Department, which must decide whether a historical monument can be altered; but such recommendations are almost always followed. If the decision is negative, the CRJQ could appeal to the Ministerial Committee on Jerusalem.

Citrus farmers want taxes cut after mercury scare

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The outlook for the country's citrus farmers is far from rosy, with the growers complaining that the mercury poisoning of oranges in Europe is the latest — and largest — blow they've suffered this season. The farmers report a severe drop in sales as a result of the recent contamination of oranges abroad.

The citrus farmers are demanding that the government abolish a number of taxes they now pay in order to make their operation more profitable. One of these is the wharf tax paid on fruit when it reaches the port.

Another setback cited by the farmers was the damage caused by heavy winds at the start of the season. Some farmers claim 40 to 50 per cent of their fruit was knocked down. However, this figure is disputed by a Citrus Marketing Board official.

The farmers also claim that the new economic policy has cut their profits by about IL500 per dunam, because their operating costs have not kept pace with prices received for their fruit.

Gad Ya'acobi, chairman of the Knesset Economic Committee, yesterday suggested setting up a top-level governmental team to set ways of helping the citrus farmers out of their "temporary plight." The committee members yesterday were the guests of the Citrus Marketing Board.

In London, meanwhile, UPI quoted authorities as saying that two more oranges tainted with mercury had been found in Britain. But a newspaper said the whole fruit scare is mostly a hoax.

"The mercury in the grand total of no more than 50 oranges discovered so far throughout Europe has harmed no one," "The Sunday Times" said. It said one "of the tiny number of contaminated oranges found in Britain "was the work of a 14-year-old boy" who told police he had emptied the contents of his family thermometer into a Jaffa orange "for a lark." Another was the work of a 10-year-old child, but it "caused a local panic" when all stores in his area withdrew oranges from sale.

Similar reactions have occurred widely since January 26, when mercury-tainted oranges began turning up in Holland.

In fact, "The Sunday Times" investigators said, "in Holland the number of doctored Spanish oranges have now outstripped the number of Israeli oranges found," and police are certain any oranges tampered with were contaminated — "by a non-poisonous substance," it said — after they left Israel.

Ehrlich hopes South African investments to reach $50m.

By JOE KUTTNER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Israel Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich hopes that over the next three years investments in Israel from the private sector in South Africa will reach $50m. He told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday before leaving South Africa on a good-will visit to Malawi that this amount was the ceiling set in his talks in Cape Town with his South African counterpart, Owen Horwood.

Earlier Ehrlich had told an airport press conference that the Cape Town discussions took place in a most cordial atmosphere, with agreement also reached on a $40m. industrial credit line for Israeli purchases from South Africa.

Problems relating to the El Al-South African Airways pool partnership and Israeli fishing rights in South African waters could not be dealt with during his brief visit. There will be additional talks on these matters between experts from the two countries, and Ehrlich hopes Horwood will visit Israel later this year so they can deal more fully with them.

He added that he was not satisfied with the growing gap to Israel's disadvantage in the trade balance between the two countries and hoped that, in the coming year, the balance would be more equitable.

The minister denied that Israel provided a gateway for South African products to enter the European Common Market.

"We cannot be and have no intention of being a channel for South African exports or any other country's exports to enter the EEC via Israel," he said. Israel imports raw materials from South Africa as from other countries, and the products it exports are manufactured in Israel with at least 40 per cent Israeli content, he reported.

Replying to a question about Israeli military cooperation with Ethiopia, he emphasized that there was not a single Israeli in or out of uniform in Ethiopia, in a military or non-military capacity.

He also said:

"If we have given one bullet to Ethiopia recently, there are others who have given tanks."

Lebanese can learn a trade in Israel

HAIFA (Itim). — The first vocational training course in Israel for Lebanese workers will open soon under the auspices of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Minister Israel Katz said here on Friday in talks with leaders of the Druse community.

Katz said he hoped the course would be the first step in similar cooperation with other neighbouring countries.

He told the Druse leaders he plans to set up a committee including representatives of his office and the army to help prepare Druse soldiers with skills to suit the labour market after their release.

'Golda' closing soon in New York

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — "Golda," the play based on the life of Golda Meir and starring Anne Bancroft, will close after the matinee of February 19.

Reporting this yesterday, the "Daily News" noted that the play, by William Gibson, was suspended on January 28 when the star had the flu. It resumed last night and will play its final 10 performances here.

Plans are to have "Golda" reopen next fall in Los Angeles, with Bancroft repeating her role.

Cabinet urges sharing agencies' data

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

State agencies will be able to receive information on magnetic (computer) tapes which was gathered for other state agencies or ministries by the Central Bureau of Statistics, according to a proposal for a change in the statistics regulations which was raised at yesterday's cabinet meeting. The proposal is subject to Knesset approval.

This sharing of information, which is now outlawed by a clause on general confidentiality of information gathered by the bureau, will presumably help eliminate duplication in the work of different agencies.

Another proposed amendment would require government ministries to coordinate their plans to run statistical surveys — again, to eliminate duplication.

The statistic regulations have remained almost unchanged since they were passed in 1935.

The cabinet also approved an amendment to the law of land purchase for public use. The amendment will go to the Knesset immediately and is to take effect retroactively on March 25, 1977. According to the amendment, the state authorities which expropriate land will not be required to pay fully linked compensation if, for instance, the compensation exceeds the value of the land on the day it was expropriated.

The cabinet also approved the protocol with West Germany regarding prevention of double income and business taxes. The protocol becomes effective 30 days after the governments exchange letters of ratification.

Gonen gets African diamond franchise

Businessman Shmuel Gonen has received a diamond-mining franchise in the Central African Republic, he told the Itim news agency. Gonen, a former commander of the southern front, made the remark while meeting three Namibian visitors who rrived over the weekend at Ben-Gurion Airport.

Gonen said two of the visitors were Namibian Ministers Martinez and Christie. However, he stressed that they had not come to visit him, but were on a private business trip.

He said he had been asked to meet them because he is known to have business interests in Africa. (Itim)

Israel vs. Denmark

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Danish national soccer team will play a second game in this country against the Israel Olympic team at Netanya Maccabi's ground at 3 p.m. today.

The Israel national XI beat Denmark in Jaffa last week 2-0.

Cinema becomes cultural centre

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem's former Tel-Or cinema, closed for several years, has been renovated and reopened as a "cultural centre" by the Jerusalem Labour Council. The building is located at 1 Rehov Hahistadrut.

The centre will open daily at 9 a.m. and serve as a lounge for workers — with a cafeteria, newspaper reading room and games room. Beginning at 6 p.m., the site will turn into a centre for the performing arts and a lecture hall.

The centre's lobby walls will be available for free display of Jerusalem artists' works.

We deeply regret the murder of three Ramallah citizens.
Palestinians of Ramallah! Think what will happen, if the P.L.O. takes over.
Remember Lebanon!
WE are against terror.
True Palestinians, Jews and Arabs, join us, P.J.O. — P.O.B. 26221, Tel Aviv.

Getting a peek at a football idol

By NADINE FREEMER
Special to the Jerusalem Post

Kids. Hundreds of them. Rushing, shoving, shouting, trying to peer around the sprinkling of adults in their midst.

Their cries echoed through the empty caverns of Jerusalem's most modern shopping-office complex. They were waiting for the grand opening of a new sports shop, in Jerusalem's Clal Centre, last Thursday night.

So? Another sports shop opens here. Why such a fuss?

Just ask one of the crowd. He looks at you first as if you had come from another planet.

This shop is owned by Uri Malmillian. And he's going to be here soon.

Uri Malmillian. The star of the Jerusalem Betar soccer team. There is no one who can get that ball past the goaltender, or feed his colleagues with meticulously judged passes, as he can. They've seen him work his magic on the field. Now they're going to see how he can run a sports shop.

Inside the shop, Uri's uncle Yossi, his business partner in the new enterprise, greets friends and special guests. A mild-looking young man guards the door. Only the privileged few are admitted into the small store. To browse through the shelves of soccer balls, basketballs, sleeping bags. To finger the shiny gold Jerusalem Betar soccer shirts displayed prominently. And only they will be invited afterwards to cross the hall to enjoy the food and drinks that have been prepared in honour of the occasion. While they wait, the kids press against the glass, gazing hungrily at the treasure they can see, but cannot touch.

Uri Malmillian loves sports. And he wants to make a living from it. So Thursday night was an important night for the young star.



Fans crowd around Jerusalem Betar football star Uri Malmillian Thursday night at the opening of his new sporting goods shop in the Clal Centre. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

And he is so young. It hits you first off when he finally does arrive, and the kids flock around, trying to grasp an arm, touch his shirt. The way kids all over the world try to get close to their idols. To make those distant figures on the field become somehow part of their lives.

Malmillian smiles warmly at them, as he would smile all night at the continuing throng of well-wishers and photographers who surrounded him. He is a nice-looking young man. Affable, with short dark hair. You wouldn't point across a crowded room and say, "There is one of the top-scoring players in Israel." Unless you knew he was Uri Malmillian.

He is 21 years old. He's been playing soccer since he was 12. And he is the idol of the hordes of children now trying to get past the guard and into the store.

It doesn't bother him. "Children and dogs, they always know that I like them. And so they like me. No, they are not a bother," he says with a grin.

It is a frantic evening for him. Hustled from room to room, from photographer to photographer. Shaking hands, taking pictures with people he has never met before.

But the store is important to him. In two months he will be out of the army. And this will really be his place.

"I like sports. I like to be around sports people and sports things. I will spend most of my time here in the store when I'm not playing," he says in a rare quiet moment.

Sports in Israel has enjoyed a tremendous growth in the past few years. And the continued interest will be the key to Malmillian's success here.

"Most people in Israel like football. That is really the most important game. I don't think basketball is that popular except for Maccabi (Tel Aviv). Sports is my main interest. After football, I like basketball. And sometimes rugby."

And, with another smile, he is whisked off into the throng again.

For almost two hours his fans came and left. Giggling adolescent girls, babies in their parents' arms, middle-aged women — all gazed through the window for a peek at Uri Malmillian. And the kids, of course. They stayed until the end.

It was sad in a way. That the kids who adore him so were shuttled off, left to watch Malmillian charm the nice young women and well-dressed businessmen. While they, his biggest fans, stood by. Until finally, as they grew rowdier and noisier, they were chased away.

But there is still hope. For when the excitement dies down, and the flowers are carted away, and the well-wishers go home, Uri Malmillian's sports shop is still open for business. And any one of them can come in to buy a Betar shirt from the Betar star.

And then the kids will get their chance at last.

Gov't clerks reminded to answer their mail

Civil Service Commissioner Avraham Friedman yesterday recirculated instructions to all government officials to answer letters within 14 days of receipt.

The instruction has been issued before; but in view of a recent increase in complaints by the public, some of which have reached the courts, Attorney-General Aharon Barak asked Friedman to try again.

If the clerk is unable to supply an answer within 14 days, he is required to write a letter to that effect, estimating how long it will take to get the matter clarified.



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40 arrested in northern drug raids

By YOEL DAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — Forty suspected drug smugglers, pushers and buyers have been arrested in the North and in Samaria in a long-planned police operation. Among those arrested are Jews and Arabs, men and women, Israelis, West Bankers and Lebanese citizens. More arrests are expected, according to northern police spokesman Pakad Yitzhak Ohanna.

Police first caught two pushers from Jenin. When the pushers noticed that police were on their tail, one of them, a known trader, got out of their Mercedes car, threw a package away and ran. Local residents helped the police catch the man and find the package containing two and a half kilos of hashish.

The two men reportedly admitted that the drug had come from Lebanon. Three suspects, men who cross the "Good Fence" daily to work in the North, were later arrested.

Buyers of the drug were Israelis, Jewish and Arab, and tourists, it was reported.

Police also said six women in Haifa were charged with possessing hashish for sale.

Sadat sends cable to friendship league

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Former MK Shlomo Cohen-Zidon, chairman of the Israel-Egypt Friendship Association, yesterday made public a cable sent to him by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in response to Sadat's being informed of the founding of the organization.

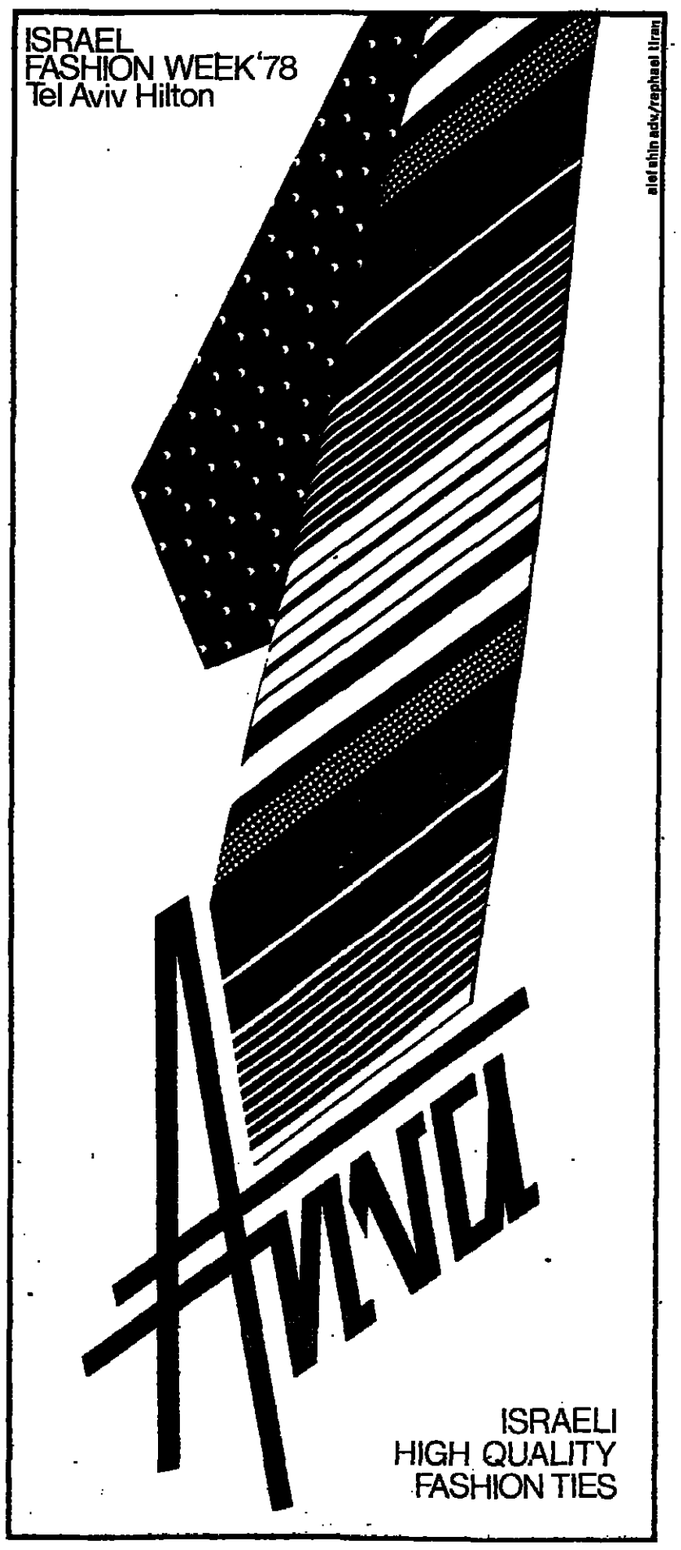
Sadat said in his cable:

"Thank you for your kindness in expressing your noble sentiments towards me and the Egyptian people, who through their long history have set the most unique example of tolerance and peaceful coexistence between religions.

"Our people who set forth on the march to a just peace sincerely pray to God Almighty to grant that march success for a better future. With my best wishes for continued health and happiness, Mohammed Anwar Sadat."

CASH, in three currencies, jewelry and bonds worth about IL120,000 in total were stolen from a safe behind a picture in a flat in Kfar Shmaryahu yesterday, the owner told police.

A NEW Tel Aviv bus line will link Neve Sharett, Ramat Hahayal, Yisgav, Shikun Dan, Hadar Yosef and the centre of town (Ibn Gabirol and Dizengoff) from the middle of April, deputy mayor David Shifman announced yesterday.



Snow stretches from UK to Iran

LONDON (UPI). — A belt of snow blanketed Europe from Scotland to Italy yesterday and even areas outside it shivered in winter's lowest temperatures.

Norwegians skied in the centre of Oslo. Paris was covered with snow. A blizzard struck sun-splashed Iran.

At least 19 deaths were blamed on the weather. Most were in ice-caused traffic accidents — like that which killed eight men in one car in a British two-car pile-up. Three mountain climbers also died in Britain when the weather turned deadly.

Weathermen predicted more snow for most northern countries. The Soviet newspaper "Izvestia" said northernmost Siberia was being hit by "a mighty cyclone from Alaska."

For relief, Europeans had to look to Yugoslavia — or further afield.

It was 15 degrees in Split, Yugoslavia, and Belgrade boasted springlike weather after two weeks of bitter cold. Cairo, at 22 degrees, saw tourists sunbathing and swimming in hotel pools, and Beirut was sunny and unseasonably warm.

One of yesterday's worst weather-related accidents came near Belluno in the mountains north of Venice. An overnight snowfall of 40 cm. triggered a landslide which buried a passing car, killing its four occupants.

Staff at London's Heathrow Airport walked out briefly on Saturday because they claimed it was too cold to work. Some 300 passengers arriving in shirtsleeves from Australia were trapped in their jet for nearly an hour when a mechanical gangway froze solid.

Treacherous driving conditions were the rule rather than the exception in Europe's snow belt. Roads from Scotland to northern Yugoslavia were blocked by snow.

Even where roads were open, driving was tough. Traffic in much of Germany slowed to a crawl. Danish police for the first time this winter asked people to stay home if possible. Swedish police said 11 cars skidded off one eight-kilometre stretch of highway.

In the Azov Sea, north of the Black Sea in the Soviet Ukraine, it was so cold the sea's waves froze, "Izvestia" said. As they hit the shore they piled up ice walls up to 15 metres high.

Even Johannesburg, where it is mid-summer, reported severe storms and rain, with floods derailing trains and washing roads away. Storms wiped out half the off-season grape crop in the Cape province, and a half-hour hailstorm ruined an estimated $1m. worth of peaches and plums.



Last year's Miss Universe, Rina Mor (Messinger) of Israel, appears on Italian Television on Saturday to discuss her experiences during her reign and her feelings as it comes to a close. (AP radiophoto)

Nationalism rears its head in E. Germany

Washington Post News Service

BERLIN. — German nationalism, a centuries-old force which has regularly disturbed the peace of Central Europe, is on the rise in an unlikely place: communist East Germany.

East German officials have begun a massive campaign to celebrate 30 years of alliance with the Soviet Union, but western analysts have detected many spontaneous examples of popular rejection of the official line.

The overwhelming majority of East Germany's 17 million residents, according to western diplomats, identify themselves with the 62 million Germans living in West Germany rather than with the East Europeans to whom they are expected to show loyalty through Moscow-sponsored "socialist internationalism."

"The Communist Party is trying to counter this nationalism," a western resident of East Berlin observed. They are trying to promote the slogan 'East Germany, My Fatherland'."

The signs of German nationalism range from minor unexpected manifestations to overt actions directed against the pervasive presence of Soviet troops. Nationalist sentiment also cropped up recently in a manifesto distributed by a dissident political group.

East Germany includes such centres of the old German culture as Leipzig, Dresden and Weimar, and the communist officials balance an obvious attachment to traditional culture against fears that such ties will disturb their relations with Moscow.

At a recent recital in East Berlin, for example, the popular West German baritone Herman Prey sang a group of songs based on poems by Josef von Eichendor, a well-known 18th-century author.

"When he came to the line, 'Deutschland mein Deutschland,' the audience interrupted with applause," an East Berliner said.

Music was at the core of a violent clash between youths and police in East Berlin last October. The youngsters had ignored a Soviet band performing in connection with the celebration of East Germany's 28th anniversary and crowded around a rock band. When the police stopped the rock music, the youngsters rioted and started shouting, "Russians get out" and "Germany awake," an old Nazi slogan.

Two policemen and a teenage girl were killed in the melee.

People who live outside Berlin in East Germany are likely to say they come "from the zone" instead of the GDR (German Democratic Republic). The term refers to the postwar division of Germany into four Allied occupation zones.

In October 1949, what had been the Soviet zone of occupation became the GDR, or East Germany. The zones occupied by British, French and American troops were merged to become the Federal Republic of Germany.

West German politicians referred to East Germany as *Die Zone* until 1972, when the two states signed an agreement recognizing each other. The West German constitution, however, recognizes only a single German citizenship and the right of political asylum, which combine to attract German nationals to migrate not only from East Germany but also from other communist countries, including the Soviet Union.

Despite construction of the wall separating East and West Berlin in 1961, and fortification of the border between the two Germanys, thousands of residents of the East still attempt to flee each year — even though attempting to escape or helping someone to make the attempt is a serious crime. Last year just over 4,000 succeeded in escaping.

The recently published manifesto written by East Germans calling themselves the "Federation of Democratic Communists" calls for, among other things, a united Germany.

In East Germany the official line is that the GDR is a socialist state that with the Soviet army's help has freed itself of all that is bad in German history.

The manifesto, however, charged that East Germany is a one-party dictatorship. It urged the withdrawal of all foreign troops from both Germanys and the installation of a multi-party democracy in which left-wing groups would outnumber the "conservative forces."

Western experts believe that the manifesto was written by lower-ranking government officials who, like many other East Germans, resent the country's subservience to the Soviet Union.

Through exposure to West German television and radio, and eight million visits by West Germans each year, East Germans are well aware they do not live as well as their neighbours. They know that East Germany receives immense annual credits from West Germany and that the West German mark is worth three or four times the East mark, although officially they trade at par.

Sardonic East Berliners have renamed the Metropole Hotel the "Deviser Bunker," using the German word for western currency. The Metropole is also called the Hotel Apartheid, since only persons with foreign currency can stay there.

Other jokes refer to the retirement age. At 65, East Germans are permitted to move to West Germany. When Erich Honecker, chief of the East German state and party, recently passed that milestone, cynics commented, "Now he can go back to the Saarland (in West Germany) where he was born." Others say they are waiting for the year 2014, when East Germany will be 65 and "everyone will be able to go west."

Thatcher pledges to end immigration to Great Britain

HARROGATE, England (AP). — A Conservative Party government would try to end all immigration to Britain, Conservative leader Margaret Thatcher, said yesterday.

"We have to work towards the ending of immigration in this country, and we have the policies to do so," Thatcher said in an address to the Young Conservatives annual meeting in this northwest England resort town. She received a resounding ovation.

It was Thatcher's first speech since a controversial television interview two weeks ago in which she said Britain could be "swamped" by coloured immigrants in the near future.

There are 1.9 million non-whites in Britain out of a population of 56 million. Though many were born here, most families arrived from former British colonies and Pakistan.

"I do not believe we have any hope of promoting the sort of society we want unless we are to follow a policy clearly designed to work towards the end of immigration as we have seen it in these post-war years," said Thatcher.

Thatcher's decision to debate the immigration question in public was endorsed by the Young Conservatives, but they also criticized her for raising fears by not spelling out the Conservative Party's policies more clearly. Yesterday's speech was an attempt to answer that charge.

Thatcher's interview two weeks ago stirred up heated debate in the House of Commons, in the newspaper columns and in the streets, as this nation wrestles with its obligations to the people it once ruled. It could become a major election issue amid predictions that Labour Prime Minister James Callaghan may call a general election this year.

Labour's five-year term in office ends in October 1979.

6 survive plane crash in Canadian snowstorm

CRANBROOK, British Columbia (UPI). — Most of the 47 persons aboard a Pacific Western Airlines Boeing 737 died on Saturday when the plane crashed while landing at this mountain town in a heavy snowstorm.

"There were 42 passengers plus a crew of five," a Pacific Western Airlines spokesman said. "Known survivors were five passengers plus one flight attendant."

WORLD SCENE — SASSON JACOBY

Cubans have army, will travel

REPORTS FROM CUBA point out that queuing is still the hallmark of life in that communist country of nine million. Shortages are the people's daily lot, and products regarded as near necessities in the West are hard to obtain.

Since items are so scarce, more than money is needed to acquire them, and the essential is good standing as a revolutionary. Priority for getting appliances is based on "merit points" distributed to workers for such activities as participation in "revolutionary" organizations and for volunteer work.

All this nearly 20 years after Fidel Castro turned Cuba communist and economically dependent on the Soviet Union. The total Cuban debt to the USSR is a secret, but western sources estimate it at close to $5b. and rising, with an estimated $1.5m. per day being provided by the Kremlin.

HOW ALL THIS SQUARES up with the rising tide of Cuban activity in Africa has puzzled analysts. The Soviet-backed Cuban interventionist role in Angola shook the western world and altered the political realities in southern Africa, and the events now happening in the Horn of Africa raise the fear of another Angola.

Cuba today spends about 6.5 per cent of its gross national product on its military forces — the highest in Latin America and equal to that of the U.S. Its standing army numbers 100,000, but conscription provides another 200,000 and latest reports say full mobilization could raise this to a total of 500,000.

Spartan military virtues are extolled and many young Cubans aspire to free military education at the numerous military academies, some of which have been established by the Soviets.

CUBA'S INTERNATIONAL behaviour in the past few years makes the situation more complex as Havana conducts seemingly contradictory goals. It appeared set on an activist policy of backing national liberation movements while at the same time worked hard to normalize relations with the U.S.

For instance, when Castro last March toured Africa he pledged Cuba's solidarity and support for various governments and movements. Yet in September the Cuban and U.S. governments opened "interest sections" in each other's capitals, a fishing agreement was signed, and talks were held on the possibility of mutual trade.

But when the U.S. announced it wouldn't establish normal ties until Cuba ceased its African activities, Castro lost no time in saying in one interview: "Our solidarity with Angola or any other African country is not negotiable. It wouldn't be honourable or moral to forsake our solidarity for benefits for Cuba. Exchange our principles? Never."

ON THE CONTRARY, Cuba reinforced its troops to 20,000 in Angola and an estimated 3,500 in Ethiopia. U.S. experts say the Cuban involvement in Angola is comparable to the American one in Vietnam, on a pro rata basis.

One theory for Cuban behaviour is that Cuban policies are entirely Soviet-directed (the "surrogate thesis") because of Cuba's economic and military dependence on Moscow. But it doesn't explain Cuba's involvement with the Third World before the African ventures, nor why it became intensified after Angola — where it would have been thought that Cuba had paid its debt to the Kremlin.

The second theory is that Cuba is motivated by ideology, as in its activities in Latin America from 1959 to 1968, its later aid to Algerian guerrillas and the North Vietnamese, and the stationing of tank troops in the Golan after 1973. But this doesn't explain why Cuba wants warmer relations with the U.S.



The Castro brothers, Raul, left, and Fidel...monopolize top positions.

THE THIRD THEORY sees economic necessity making Cuba's leaders more pragmatic, like the men in Peking after Chairman Mao's death. There was also a fall in sugar prices, and this may have impelled Havana to seek better ties with Washington. Yet, like the other two theories, it doesn't supply the answers to the complexities of Cuban policy and its objectives.

The conduct of Cuban foreign affairs was undoubtedly affected by world developments such as the Yom Kippur War and its oil price aftermath and the American evacuation of Vietnam. It certainly led to intensification of Cuban military activities abroad.

Another significant development not much noticed on the outside was the reconcentration of internal power after 1970. Fidel and his brother Raul monopolize the top leadership positions, with a pivotal element being the group — mainly military officers — who back Raul.

THERE IS ALSO a new generation of civilian technocrats and managers among the leaders. Although the leadership shares a basic consensus on foreign policy, there is a different mixture of policies as each element stresses different priorities or strategic lines. After 1970 the foreign policy tendencies appeared to consist of pragmatists, revolutionaries, and those stressing the external role of the Cuban armed forces.

In any case, Cuba proved itself an invaluable ally to Soviet policy in Africa; and because of Angola, the USSR boosted its military, economic and technological aid to Cuba. Actually, this enhanced Cuba's international status and usefulness to a greater extent than future U.S. ties are likely to do.

The current Cuban role in Ethiopia, therefore, can only attest to Fidel Castro's continued commitment to a role of overseas activism — one which Andrew Young, U.S. ambassador to the UN, recently called "a new kind of colonialism."

Bomb at Commonwealth talks

SYDNEY (Reuter). — A policeman and a rubbish collector were killed last night when a huge blast rocked the hotel where 11 Commonwealth heads of government are meeting for a conference.

Police said the blast had been caused by a bomb which exploded in a rubbish truck parked outside the Sydney Hilton Hotel's main entrance.

At least seven people were wounded by the blast and taken to Sydney Hospital for treatment to injuries caused by flying glass.

Police said the explosion occurred near an entrance to the hotel used about one hour earlier when the visiting Asian and Pacific heads of government returned from an evening cruise in Sydney harbour as guests of Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser.

Seconds after the blast, security officials rushed to guard the suites occupied by the visiting leaders.

Police hunting the bombers said later they were searching for three men described as possibly Arabs.

Salyut monitors storms

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Cosmonauts aboard the Salyut 6 space station are keeping a regular watch on natural disasters back on earth, Tass news agency reported yesterday.

As the space station made its 1,000th orbit around the earth yesterday, Lt.-Col. Yuri Romanenko and flight engineer Georgy Grechko were reporting to ground control on the course of dust storms, forest fires and volcanic eruptions, Tass said.

Former Harvard president dies

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts (AP). — James Bryant Conant, president of Harvard University for 20 years, died on Saturday after a long illness, the university announced. He was 84.

Conant, who was president of the oldest university in the U.S. from 1933 to 1953, served as U.S. ambassador to West Germany from 1955 to 1957.

Known as a scientist, educator and diplomat, Conant helped in understanding the molecular structures of chlorophyll and haemoglobin during his years as a professor of organic chemistry at Harvard.

As president of the university, he was credited with advancing the trend established by his predecessor — A. Lawrence Lowell — of setting up strong professional schools surrounding the undergraduate college.

5 bombings in Corsica

AJACCIO, Corsica (UPI). — Five bombs went off in Ajaccio during the night, police said yesterday. No injuries were reported.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the explosions.

Thai troops defend village where Cambodia took hostages

BANGKOK (Reuter). — The Thai government yesterday rushed reinforcements to guard a border village where 300 inhabitants were seized last week by local Communist guerrillas and Cambodian soldiers.

Col. Udom Amornchai, police chief of the northeastern province of Ubon Ratchathani, said he had requested more troops because the raiders might attempt further attacks on Paed-Um village.

The request was made following an attack last Thursday by a combined force of Cambodian troops and Thai Communist guerrillas on the village in Namyuen district, near the Cambodian frontier. They took away 300 villagers, mostly women and children, as hostages.

Radio Thailand reported on Saturday night that five Thai defenders were killed in the village.

In another report, the "Bangkok Post" said Thai government forces had killed or wounded 40 invaders during a battle to recapture the village.

"We do not know exactly how many of them were killed or wounded, but we saw more than 10 people carried away after being shot by our men," Col. Udom said.

He said the raiders returned on Friday to drive out a government force which had recaptured the village. Fighting continued until early yesterday morning when the combined Communist force retreated, he added.

Thai government troops yesterday were searching for the 300 captured villagers. But police said there were indications that they had been taken across the border into Cambodia.

Severe austerity plan for Portugal

LISBON (UPI). — A bone-tired legislative assembly yesterday gave Portugal's new socialist-conservative government the green light to introduce severe austerity measures aimed at resurrecting the nation's shattered economy.

The assembly's approval of the cabinet's governmental programme came at dawn yesterday after an all-night session ended four days of lacklustre debate on the policies it proposed.

Prime Minister Mario Soares called the vote a mandate for the coalition between his Socialist Party and the conservative Centre Democrats to rule Portugal until general elections are held.

Under the new programme, the government vowed to stabilize unemployment at 16 per cent with new investment, but warned the Portuguese they would have to pay for the move with heavy import restrictions and a rise in taxes on all fronts. The programme also stressed plans to lower the nation's 26 per cent inflation and hold wage increases to less than 20 per cent.

The emphasis on economic recovery was primarily aimed at creating the conditions needed to win International Monetary Fund (IMF) approval for an $800m. packet of emergency foreign loans.

U.S. labour boss fears for his life

HUNTINGTON, West Virginia (AP). — The president of the United Mine Workers Union says he fears for his life and will not present a proposed contract to end the two-month-old U.S. coalminers strike to the union's bargaining council until he feels he can do so safely.

"I'm not going to present this contract to the council under conditions of mob rule," the union president, Arnold Miller, said on Saturday night, after telephoning the AP here from his home in Washington. "I think my life is clearly in danger if I go to the international headquarters when a mob is there."

The coal strike, the longest ever by the United Mine Workers, went into its 60th day yesterday and could continue well into next month. UMW representatives have rejected a contract that includes an average $10.25 hourly wage.

President Jimmy Carter on Saturday ordered that plans be drawn up for emergency movement of coal to areas of the U.S. that are running critically short of fuel needed to produce electric power.

Miller said he did not know when he would present the contract to the 39-member bargaining council.

Saudis order 200 U.S. fishing boats

DETROIT (Reuter). — A Saudi Arabian purchasing agent stunned the Greater Michigan Boat Show by ordering 200 fishing boats for the government fishing fleet, a show spokesman said on Saturday.

"I feel safe in saying this is the largest sale ever made at any public boat show in the U.S.," public relations director Charles Paul said. "Most sales are for individual boats."

The purchasing agent put down a $50,000 deposit for the 200 seven-metre boats, which will be purchased for $3.3m. from the Orlando, Florida, firm Correct Craft Inc., a small craft manufacturer.

The agent, identified only as D. Dolerme, said he had a spending quota to meet in the U.S. He came to the show on Tuesday only because he could not catch a flight to New York City due to a snowstorm.

The manufacturer's representative, who is due for a hefty commission, said, "It was the most profitable hour I've ever spent." He added that it will take two years for the order to be filled.

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Notice to New Immigrants Living in the Beersheba District and the South

From February 15, 1978, new immigrants living in the Beersheba district and the South will apply to the branch of the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption in their area of residence for permits granting exemption from purchase tax * on purchases of locally made household articles.

* Purchase tax is the only tax levied on locally produced household articles.

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Growing houses

By ROBERT NOBEL/Special to The Jerusalem Post

FIVE YEARS AGO Israel Goodovitch overheard a young couple comment on a cinema advertisement promoting a new housing project. When the wife suggested to her husband that they buy one of the flats, he had replied laconically: "It's too expensive. We can't afford it."

Impulsively, Goodovitch said to them, "how much could you afford?" After a brief consultation the couple arrived at the figure of IL60,000.

"Even five years ago," he told me, "I knew they didn't have a chance. That left them two alternatives: to live with their parents or pay rent. I thought it a scandal that a young sabra couple could not afford proper housing. So I decided to design a house for them myself. I went back to my office and did it."

The result is an experimental housing project now being constructed in the Tel Aviv district of Yad Eliyahu which may revolutionize the Israeli apartment scene. Although work on the largely completed units is currently at a standstill, construction is to be resumed soon.

Goodovitch, 44, was amply qualified to tackle the task. He graduated from the Technion in 1958 with a degree in architecture. In 1961 he left for Japan, studying there for three years under the renowned Kenzo Tange, and working on Tokyo's Olympic Centre in preparation for the 1964 Games. The imminent birth of the first of his two children took him and his wife back to Israel in June 1963. In 1966 he received a Young Artists Grant from the Ford Foundation, and, taking a break from his position at the Ministry of Housing, spent a year working on redevelopment projects in a number of large American cities. In 1974 he left the Ministry of Housing after ten years of working there and established a private practice.

Goodovitch's solution to the young couple's dilemma reflected his expertise and innovative ideas. His design meets the immediate minimal requirements of a young couple, providing them with an attractive home for as little money as possible. It permits them to plan and expand their living space in accordance with their future, and individual, needs. The family and the house evolve together. Appropriately, Goodovitch calls his design "the growing house," in addition to its more formal title of "the frame house."

A prefabricated row house, its staggered foundation slabs are connected by a grooved joint. A three storey high concrete wall is placed in each groove. The wall is capped with concrete slabs in a Y-configuration, forming two half-roofs. Two adjacent walls complete one roof. The front and back walls are formed by a metal frame and panels of synthetic material. The upper floors have removable panels for the installation of windows at a later date. Between every seven units there is a passageway that can be used as a sheltered play area.

The unit as offered for sale has a finished first floor and a false ceiling, above which there are two storeys of empty space. The first floor is a simple compact layout of 40 sq. metres, containing a living room, bedroom, kitchenette, and bathroom. The 40 metres are slightly more than half the floor space of a standard apartment unit.

"For the cost of five extra metres of concrete wall (the second wall belongs to the adjacent unit) I give the couple the option of adding two extra storeys to their house," Goodovitch said.

The couple can complete the upper two storeys in any of a wide range of possibilities including a dramatic two storey gallery for the living room, or four bedrooms.

The front garden of each house will have a lawn and in the back there is a small fenced-in yard. The large area enclosed by the two rows of houses will form a common green space for the project.

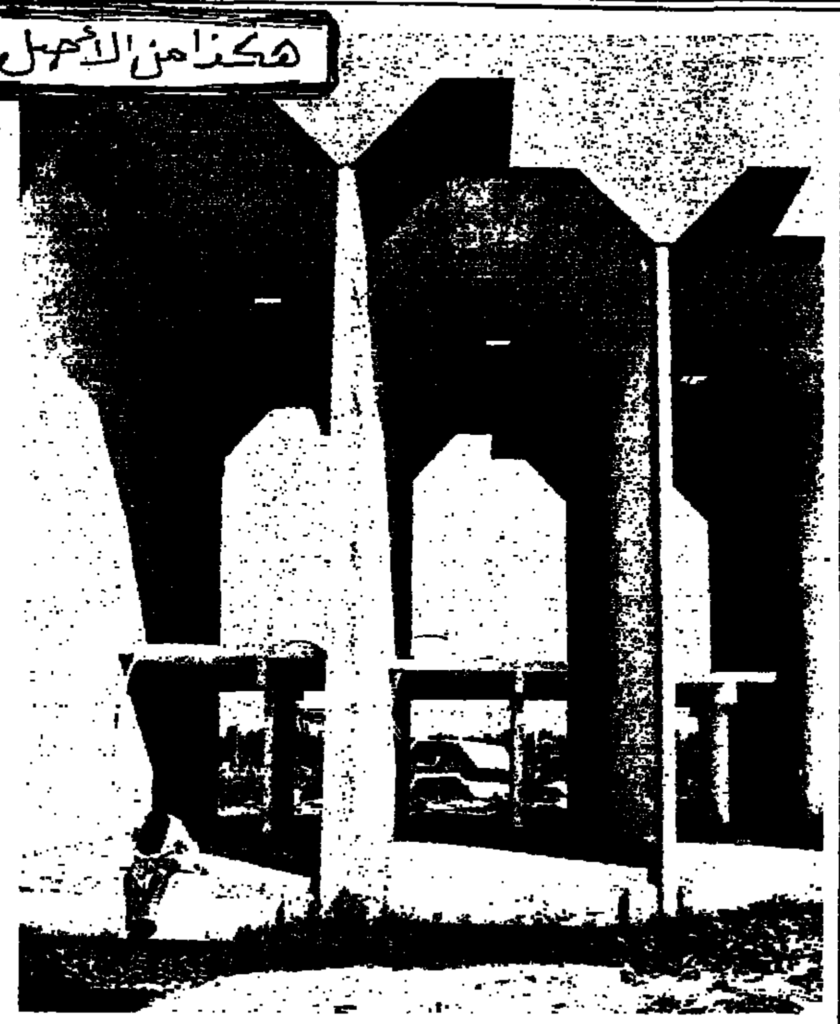
Goodovitch, who is regarded by his fellow architects as a talented maverick, insists that one of his design's main contributions is sociological.

"One of the most significant things about this house," he said, "is the feeling of belonging that it gives its occupants. By having the interior express and conform to their wishes, the house becomes their home in the full sense of the word.

"The house allows its occupants to be creative," he continued. "Ancient man used to decorate his dwelling with wall drawings. In England they paint their doors different colours. Here we put up *mezuzot*, and close in the porch. My project develops the idea further."

Goodovitch said that a standard rule of thumb in the housing industry is that it takes five years to bring a project from the drawing board to the auction block. This time-table holds true for his plan. According to Shmuel Albeck, of the Ministry of Housing, a sample unit will be on display for prospective customers at the start of the budget year in late spring.

Goodovitch first broached his plan to the public in an exhibit he organized five years ago at the Levant Fairgrounds where he displayed four alternative types of accommodation: the standard approach which dots the country like identical creations from the same impoverished Lego set; a house with



Interiors of homes with semi-furnished first floor and empty stories above. (Nobel)

moveable partitions in place of walls; the growing house; and a futuristic design. Visitors were asked to designate their preference on a questionnaire. The overwhelming majority chose Goodovitch's design. One of the favourably impressed visitors was Golda Meir, then Prime Minister.

The Ministry of Housing, at its own pace, has decided to give Goodovitch's project a chance. On a small parcel of land on the edge of Yad Eliyahu, 4' units are being constructed. They were brought to various stages of completion, including some with the outer walls done and much of the interior work done, before the subcontractor hired by the Housing Development and Company went bankrupt.

District Housing Ministry manager Albeck is one of the few government officials to express unqualified enthusiasm for Goodovitch's idea and his attempts to shake up the conventional attitude which currently produces row after row of identical apartments.

"The basic idea is excellent and shows a lot of imagination," he said. "Because it is an unusual design it will probably be either a big hit or evoke no response whatsoever. But the Ministry of Housing has an obligation to encourage such projects — to find new and imaginative answers to our housing problems and alternative apartment designs. On such a small scale we are risking very little."

Other government people react less positively. Ministry officials and spokesmen reveal a sceptical weariness towards the idea of the project, as if they count the small-paced production and Goodovitch's efforts to prod it along, against the project's intrinsic value.

"At first I thought it was a great idea," said Nili Ben Amir, the Housing and Development Company's spokeswoman. "But the fact is that anything which is different in Israeli construction means a lot of extra money. I don't think that the project will solve the problems of young couples at the present."

Goodovitch had a simple response to his critics. "The basic idea is good," he said. "It must be given a chance if we are to break the cycle of covering the country with identical units of different heights and widths.

The Ministry of Housing has adopted a similar position. Albeck refused to conjecture what the public response to the home will be when it is placed on the market. However, he did say that if there is a demand for such accommodation, the Ministry will answer it. Growing houses will be planted throughout the country.

Finding 'Delightful Treasures'

By SHMUEL SHAMIR, Special to the Jerusalem Post

WHEN I learned recently that bookbinders a few centuries ago used either old manuscripts or old book pages in their bindings, and that these were sometimes of greater interest than the books themselves, I decided to take another look at the books I had inherited from my parents.

In the cellar of their house, I found some old books which were damp and covered with cobwebs. Many of them were stained with mildew and had holes made by insects. Among these I saw a book that was printed half in ordinary Hebrew letters and half in "Rashi" letters. The title page was missing, and the binding was shabby and a little torn, but I could see that it was made of an old manuscript.

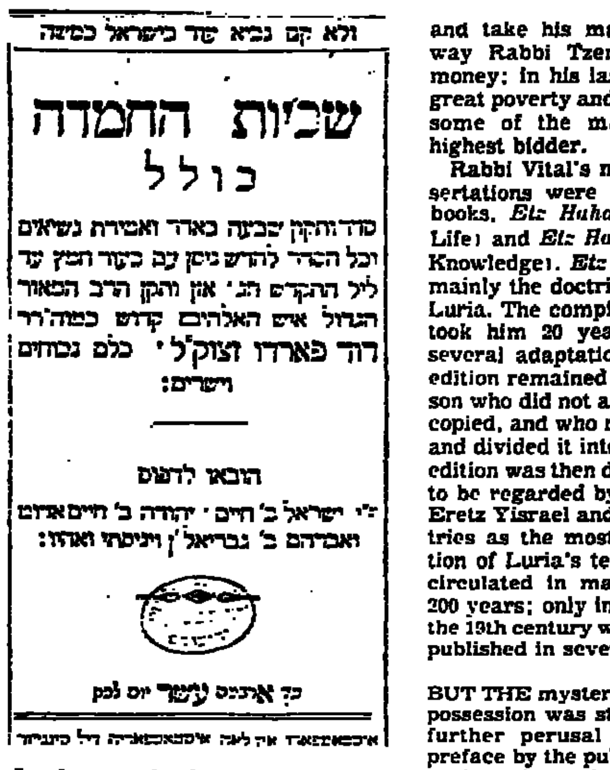
I rang up the director of the National and University Library in Jerusalem and he offered to examine the material. Some time later I got my book back together with a delightful report in poetical Hebrew, which, loosely translated, read as follows: "I have examined the extract used in the bindings. It is no doubt from a manuscript by Rabbi Haim Vital...However, the rest of the text is not identical with the above but related to it in content only. Had there been more material I would have gone on searching for the original edition...but I decided to put an end to my search so that I would not resemble a person looking for a grain of mustard in the sea — which was a favourite simile used by Rabbi Haim Vital or his teacher, Rabbi Yitzhak Luria."

I was very pleased with this clarification, but I still wanted to know who the unknown author of the book was. Moreover, I was now curious to learn more about Rabbi Haim Vital and the other Kabbalists.

HAIM VITAL was born in 1542 in Safad, which was at that time a flourishing intellectual and trade centre. He died in Damascus in 1620. His teachers in Talmud and the *"sod"* (secret learning) were Moshe Ben Haim Alshekh, who ordained him rabbi in Damascus, and Moshe Ben Ya'acov Cordovero, one of the pillars of the Kabbalistic movement.

Rabbi Haim Vital practised alchemy for two-and-a-half years, and tried to transmute baser metals into gold. He was a pupil of Yitzhak Luria ("Ha'Ari"), who was born in Jerusalem in 1534 and lived in Safad from 1568 until his death in 1572. Luria layed the foundations of a new system of Kabbala.

It is told that these two Kabbalists met on the shore of the Lake Kinneret, opposite the window of an old synagogue, where Luria gave Vital water from the well of Miriam and passed on to him the deepest secrets of the Kabbala.


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Inadvertently this picture of the front page of Rabbi David Pardo's 'Delightful Treasures' and part of this story appeared in last Friday's paper.

Vital wrote many books on Kabbala, but kept all the secret manuscripts with him. On his deathbed he asked that all his manuscripts be buried with him and his wish was honoured.

Tradition has it that when Rabbi Ya'acov Tzemah went to Damascus to visit the grave of Haim Vital, he took out of the grave several manuscripts, which were later printed and are today known as the books of Rabbi Haim Vital.

Haim Yosef David Azulai wrote that Luria decreed that no one was to write down his teachings except Haim Vital. And Vital did not allow anyone to copy his writings during his lifetime. But in 1587 he was overcome by a serious illness and was unconscious for a long time, and the sages of Safad bribed his younger brother to let them copy 600 pages of his work. These pages were given to 100 scribes who copied them in three days.

Rabbi Tzemah, in his book *Kol Baramah*, relates that he paid a very high price for dissertations by Luria and Vital, which he bought and which had been hidden until then.

According to the Aggadah, Rabbi Tzemah together with Rabbi Azulai prayed and fasted until Rabbi Vital appeared to them in a dream and allowed them to search his grave and take his manuscripts. In this way Rabbi Tzemah spent all his money; in his last days he lived in great poverty and was obliged to sell some of the manuscripts to the highest bidder.

Rabbi Vital's most important dissertations were compiled into two books, *Etz Hahayim* (The Tree of Life) and *Etz Hada'at* (The Tree of Knowledge). *Etz Hahayim* contains mainly the doctrines of his teacher, Luria. The compilation of this work took him 20 years, and he made several adaptations of it. The first edition remained in the hands of his son who did not allow the work to be copied, and who readapted the work and divided it into eight tomes. This edition was then distributed. It came to be regarded by the Kabbalists of Eretz Yisrael and the Eastern countries as the most authentic exposition of Luria's teachings. The work circulated in manuscript form for 200 years; only in the second half of the 19th century were all eight tomes published in seven volumes.

BUT THE mystery of the book in my possession was still unsolved. After further perusal of it, I found a preface by the publisher in which he praises the author David Pardo of Esplatro. My wife looked up Esplatro in the Atlas and told me that it was the old name for Split in Yugoslavia. I now returned to David Pardo.

My 10-year-old son joined the search. He used the *Hebrew Encyclopaedia* and Frumkin's book *Toldot Hahamei Yerushalayim* (Biographies of the Sages of Jerusalem), from which he learned that David Pardo was born in Venice in 1718, and died in Jerusalem in 1790.

As a young man he taught children, and afterwards he became the rabbi and leader of the Jewish community in Split. In 1760 he became the rabbi in Sarajevo, and served there for 13 years. After that he settled in Jerusalem, where he headed *Hesed Le' Avraham* Yeshiva.

Rabbi Pardo was also a writer and a poet. He wrote many articles and commentaries on the Mishna, explanations of the teachings of Rashi on the Tora, and a book of questions and answers, *Michtav Le' David* (A Letter to David). Some of his poems and liturgical hymns are included in prayer books.

After further investigation at the National and University Library, I found that the title of my book was *Schiot Hahemda* (Delightful Treasures). Its author was indeed David Pardo, and it was published in 1811 in Vienna.

The missing front page is shown here.

Magic beans for every Jack

GARDENER'S CORNER/ Walter Frankl

LAST WEEK this column offered suggestions for growing vegetables as cheap house plants. Today we continue this subject with food plants suitable for interior decoration.

Coffee. Using unroasted, greyish coffee beans, one can get coffee sprouts in 4 to 8 weeks. Soak the beans overnight in a glass of lukewarm water and plant the next day in a flower pot (don't forget drainage arrangements!), filled with a 50 - 50 mixture of sieved garden soil and peat. Most Israeli nurseries sell peat, packed in nylon bags or pressed into bricks. Wet the peat thoroughly before you mix it. Cover the beans lightly with clean sand or vermiculite. Fertilize as soon as the seedlings appear with a solution of half a gramme of salt per litre of water and continue with this weak nutrient once a week.

When the seedlings have four leaves, transplant them into individual pots for use as "house plants," using the same soil mixture as in the seed-pot. Coffee is a shade-loving plant, but it needs some indirect sunlight to grow. The best place is a window sill on the north or west side of your home. A protected lighted patio would also be suitable. Continue with regular feedings once a month during spring and summer. Water when the soil feels dry to the touch. Spray or sponge the shiny green leaves with lukewarm tapwater to rid them of dust. Don't think that you will be able to open an espresso café. A coffee plant needs years to produce its fragrant white flowers which are followed by red berries with two seeds each. But this never happens in an indoor flower pot. Yet one may want to watch the growth of a plant of such great commercial importance.

Coffee probably derives its name from the Ethiopian province of Kaffa (reputed to be the birthplace of wild coffee plants.) The Arabs received the plant from nomadic tribes at the beginning of the 15th century, cultivated it, calling the plant *qahvah*. Venetian merchants brought the first coffee to Europe during the 17th century.

There are many tales about this aromatic drink and its botanical background. One of the legends about the discovery of coffee is that of Kaldi, a goatherd.

After a day of feeding on unknown shrubs, his goats found no rest at night and made insufferable noise. Bewildered by the queer antics of his flock, Kaldi supposedly tasted the berries from the evergreen bush on which his flock had fed. Overjoyed at the feeling of exhilaration he experienced, Kaldi proclaimed his exciting find to the world.

Another story is that of Georg Kolschitzky. In 1683, after the Turkish army had besieged Vienna, but then fled (chased by liberation armies of Germans and Poles) about 100 sacks of coffee beans were found in the abandoned Turkish tents. The Austrians, thinking the beans were camel food, wanted to threw them into the Danube. Georg Kolschitzky, a Pole who had lived in Turkey, recognized the precious merchandise. The town council of Vienna gave him all the sacks (for his help as an interpreter in the war) and a licence for the first "café" (kaffeehaus) in Vienna.

One of the most dramatic stories about how coffee was brought to the New World is that of Gabriel Mathiew de Clieu, a young French naval officer in Martinique. De Clieu heard that Dutch farmers had succeeded in transplanting Arabian coffee to the East Indies. He was a great patriot and wanted to help the local farmers of this little French island. In Paris he obtained one of the three species of coffee trees grown in the royal hothouse of King Louis XV. Sailing home to Martinique, he was obliged (aboard ship for more than a month) to share his scanty ration of drinking water with his tiny coffee plant "... upon which my happiest hopes were founded."

His little tree was finally planted in Martinique in 1720 and carefully nursed. It is said that the majority of coffee plants in the Americas descended from the naval officer's tree. When he died in 1774, Martinique alone had about 20 million coffee trees under cultivation.

Under natural conditions a coffee tree can reach a height of 10 metres or more, but if it is a "house-plant" in a pot, be happy if it reaches half a metre.

Experiments with coffee cultivation in Israel (mostly between rows of citrus trees for shade) have not brought encouraging results. It



seems that our climate and soil conditions are not suitable for this plant.

Lentils *(lens culinaris)* native to Asia. Esau sold his birthright for a dish of lentils, and lentils have been found in prehistoric Asian digs and in Egyptian tombs over 4,000 years old. The Egyptians apparently believed that lentils increased their mental powers; the Romans believed the opposite. Today lentils are a staple throughout the world.

Fill a medium pot with the usual pot-soil mix (red soil, sand and compost). Place about 10-20 lentil seeds on the soil and cover with a one cm.-deep layer of sand. Put the pot in a brightly lit window and keep the soil moist. The seeds will sprout in a few days. The plant makes a pretty sight, with delicate grey-green leaves and small bluish flowers. Though it will last only a few months, it's well worth growing, because it is both charming and inexpensive.

Citrus. The seeds of grapefruits, oranges, lemons, etc., yield attractive plants. They usually germinate in a month. Soaking for 24 hours before planting speeds germination. Sow in a 50-50 mixture of red soil and peat or sieved manure and cover with 1-2 cm. of the same mix. Keep moist, but not soggy. Place the container in half shade. During winter it is best to put the pot in a southern window where it can get enough sunshine. During summer place the pot on a balcony or in the garden, but do not take the plants out of the pot.

When the seedlings grow to a height of 15 cm., thin, leaving not more than 1-2 in a pot.

Citrus plants require a lot of water (3 times a week) when they flower. In late autumn they should be kept a bit dry (water 1-2 times weekly) and during winter, they need much less water (once a week). Give them 1 gramme of soluble fertilizer dissolved in water once a month from March to October. Citrus plants require an acid soil, while our tap water is alkaline. If leaves turn yellowish and the veins remain green, it indicates iron deficiency, which occurs when the soil is not sufficiently acid. A few crystals of iron sulphate in the watering will take care of this.

Avocado *(persea gratissima)*, a native of the West Indies and tropical America, is also called "alligator pear." The name derives from the Aztec word *ahuacatl*. As a "house plant," it is a popular "do-it-yourself" project in Israel. It can be grown for fun by inserting the big seed halfway into a glass of water and holding it by toothpicks or nails, but it is much better to start the seed in soil (the usual pot-mixture). In the tropics it can reach a height of 20 metres, bearing small greenish flowers in clusters at the tips of its branches. Don't expect this to happen in the home. Plant the seed immediately after it is removed from the fruit.

A medium flower pot (diameter of 15 cm.) is good to start with. A general potting mixture (sold ready at nurseries) is satisfactory. Or prepare the soil yourself: 3 parts peat to one part red soil and one part sand. Unlike coffee, avocado grows well in Israel, but not in the hilly areas where frost is likely in winter. Germination, which takes generally about 4-5 weeks, can be hastened by cutting a thin slice off the tip and base of the seed.

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Shaike Ophir and Seffy Rivlin in 'The Fox in the Chicken Coop'

Shaike Ophir in Kishon film

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HERZLIYA Studios report "exports" of $1m. in 1977, earned from production and laboratory services for foreign film companies working here, satellite broadcasts and coverage for TV stations world-wide.

Two Israeli films are undergoing final editing and processing at Herzliya, Avi Nesher's "The Army Entertainment Troupe" and Ephraim Kishon's "The Fox in the Chicken Coop," scheduled for release in April and May respectively.

For the Kishon film, an entire village, complete with livestock, was built at the studios. Kishon wrote the story 20 years ago as a satire on Western democracy. Part of its irony, he says, lies in the fact that it is still as true today as it was then. An ageing politician decided to "adopt" a happily underdeveloped village, *Ayn Camonim*, in Upper Galilee.

He succeeds in "revolutionizing" the village to the extent that it progresses from a tranquil backwater settlement into a place reeking with bureaucracy, malpractice and corruption.

On the set of his IL5.4m. production, a joint venture with SFB German television who bought the rights in advance of shooting, Kishon remarked that the most costly performers were the cows and sheep. "They caused us enormous expense in retakes each time they walked into the middle of a shot!"

Better disciplined actors include Shaike Ophir, around whom Kishon wrote the screenplay, Seffy Rivlin, Shoshik Shani, Gideon Zinger and others.

For local TV, Herzliya Studios has just completed the present series of the "Nine Squared" panel game, due to return to the screen next summer. The equally popular TV quiz, "That's My Secret," will also be revived later this year. As to whether Uri Zohar will be returning from yeshiva study leave to compere the show...that's Herzliya Studios' secret.

For coverage of 30th anniversary festivities for American TV the studios will be providing production services for five Merv Griffin Shows with the participation of international stars, and also for Dinah Shore, who will arrive here in early April to make six programmes.

Piano disaster

MUSIC/Benjamin Bar-Am

PIANO RECITAL BY ALBERTO PORTUGHEIS (Tel Aviv, Museum, February 7). Ginastera: Sonata Op.26; Ben-Haim: Sonatina; Chopin: Nocturne in F Op.15., No. 1; Impromptu No.4, Op. 66; Polonaise in A-flat Major, Op.53; Moussorgsky: Pictures at an Exhibition.

MR. PORTUGHEIS started with the pleasant and effective sonata by Ginastera; he played it with verve and percussive power, and completely identified with its folkloristic content. But from there, the performance slipped. In the Ben-Haim, Portugheis did not understand the rather simple and unsophisticated manner of the music at all and failed to bring out either the rhythm or the special ornamentation of the melodic line. Mood and atmosphere of the piece were completely lost.

Chopin's Nocturne and Impromptu were lifeless, and relayed no message whatsoever. A most disturbing factor in Ben-Haim and Chopin was the unexplainable abuse of the left pedal. Portugheis uses it indiscriminately, even in melodic cantible passages which require a full sonorous tone. This is an irritating and destructive habit.

The two remaining items showed the pianist in the worst light possible. Technically the pieces were a shambles. Portugheis lost innumerable notes, sometimes whole figures; rhythms were completely distorted, (in the Chopin Polonaise) and textures often emerged unrecognizable, (in some of the "Pictures").

We wonder why we have to put up with this kind of disaster.

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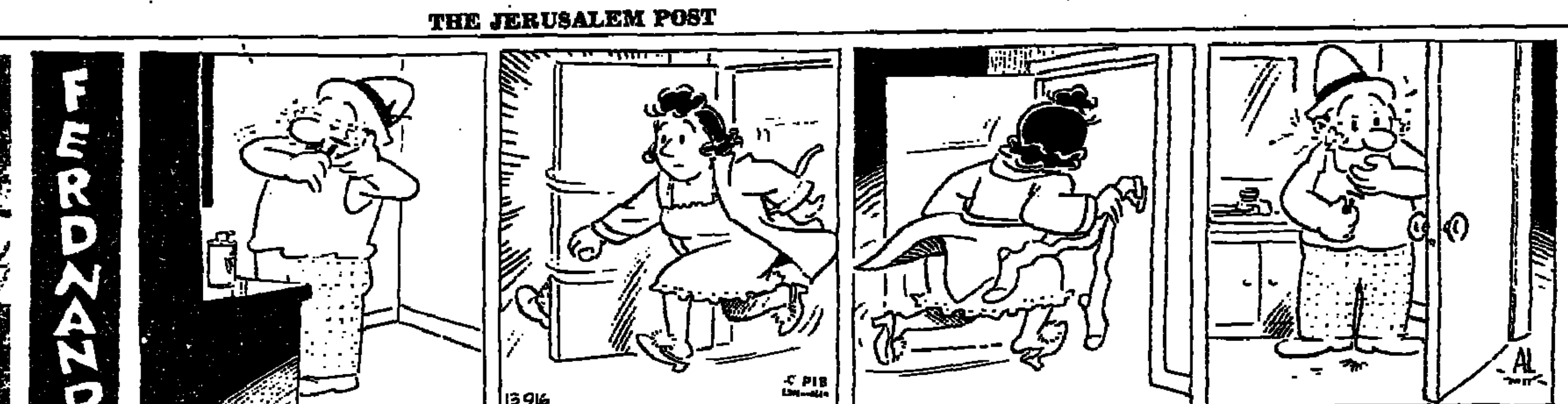
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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 Maya the Bee, based on the book by Waldmar Bonsels (part thirteen)
18.00 Musical Chairs: variety of young talent

ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes:
18.30 News roundup
18.32 Sports
19.15 Projector
19.27 Programme announcements
19.30 News and Weekly Magazine

HEBREW PROGRAMMES
resume at 20.00 with Morasha: *Special programme marking the 50th* anniversary of the World Bnei Akiva Movement — Stories of former Bnei Akiva members now living in Israel.
20.30 Big Screen, Little Screen: Biweekly magazine on the cinema with selections from well-known films and interviews with screen personalities
21.00 Mabat newsreel
21.30 Re-run: Discussion on the Dutch philosopher Spinoza and his "excommunication" from the Jewish community in the 17th Century. With Dr. Michael Hed, Prof. Assa Kasher, Yosef Kaplan
22.30 La solitude du chanteur de Fond: Film about French singer Yves Montand
23.30 News

JORDAN TV
(unofficial): 18.00* Cartoons. 18.25 Man of Atlantis. 19.30 News in Hebrew. 20.00* News in Arabic. 20.30 The Many Wives of Patrick. 21.10 The Foundation. 22.00 News in English. 22.15* The Angels.

★ *Shows with asterisks are also on* JTV 3.

CINEMAS

Tel Aviv 4.30, 7.15, 9.30

Allenby: Cross of Iron; **Ben Yehuda:** The Farmer; **Chen:** La Menace; **Cinema One:** War of the Planets; **Zod:** This is America; **Cinema Two:** New York, New York 10, 12, 2, 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Dekel:** The Turning Point 7, 9.30; **Gordon:** Rocking Horse 4, 7.15, 9.30; **Drive-In:** Robin Hood 5.45, Two Magicians of Football 7.30, 9.30; **Esther:** One on One; **Gat:** A special Day; **Limor:** Ryan's Daughter 6, 9; **Maxim:** Young Lady Chatterley; **Mograbi:** Rocky; **Ophir:** Viva *Knievel;* **Orly:** *Ugly, Dirty and* Mean; **Paris:** 12 Chairs 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.30; **Ramat Aviv:** Clockwork Orange 7.15, 9.30; **Peer:** Don's Party; **Cinema Shahaff:** Lemon Popsicle 5, 7.15, 9.30; **Royal:** The Naughty Stewardnesses 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.30, 9.30; **Tel Aviv:** Star Wars; **Studio:** A Purple Taxi; **Tel Aviv Museum:** Hester *Street 4.30, 7.30, 9.30;* **Tchelet:** Thieves; **Zafon:** Cria Cuervos

Ramat Gan

Armon: Kelly's *Heroes 6.45, 9.30;* **Hadar:** Young Lady Chatterley; **Lilly:** Face to Face 7, 9.30; **Oasis:** Rocky 4, 7.15, 9.30; **Ordea:** Lemon Popsicle 7.15, 9.30; **Rama:** A Virgin in the Family 7.15, 9.30, Mon. & Wed. also 4.30; **Ramat Gan:** Fire Sale 7.15, 9.30.

Herzliya

David: The Good, the Bad & the Ugly 6.45, 9.30; **Tiferet:** Thunder Lightning 7.15, 9.15

Petah Tikva

Shalom: The Spy who Loved Me 3.30, 7, 9.30, Tues. 3.30, 9.30

Netanya

Esther: Tommy 4.30, 7, 9.15.

Haifa 4, 6.45, 9

Amphitheatre: This is America; **Armon:** La Menace; **Atzmon:** Bobby Deerfield; **Chen:** Young Lady Chatterley; **Miron:** Emily; **Moriah:** Nightcomers 6.45, 9; **Orah:** Star Wars 4, 6.40, 9; **Orion:** La Boutique de Plaisir; **Orly:** The Yellow Submarine 6.45, 9; **Peer:** Annie Hall; **Ron:** Don's Party; **Shavit:** The Eagle has Landed 7, 9, Mon. 7.

Jerusalem 4, 7, 9

Arnon: Ransom; **Eden:** Chatterbox; **Edison:** Mergem Veogullati; **Habirah:** *Logan's Run 4, 6.45, 9;* **Jerusalem:** I will, I will... for now! 7, 9; **Orgil:** The Pom Pom Girls; **Mitchel:** Ryan's Daughter 6, 9; **Orion:** Star Wars 4, 6.30, 9; **Orna:** Last Cannibal World; **Ron:** A Special Day; **Small Auditorium, Binyenei Ha'ooma:** West Side Story 4, 6.30, 9.30; **Semadar:** Dr. Zhivago 8.

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First Programme
7.07 Morning Melodies
8.10 Morning concert — Brumel: Song; Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No.1; Brahms: Trio Op.87 (Beaux Arts); Rodrigo: Concierto de Aranjuez (John Williams); Stravinsky: The Rites of Spring
10.35 Arabic lesson
10.40 Selections on the Hebrew novel
11.35 Adolph Stark, folksinger and player of the Finnish Kantele
12.05 (Stereo): Mordehai Ben-Shahar, baritone; Rami Bar-Niv, piano — Leonora Lvov, piano — Mozart: *Piano Sonata in B-flat Major,* K.281; Hahn: Offrand; Faure: Four Songs; Shostakovich: Prelude and Fugue; Four American Songs; Scriabin: Sonata No.4 in F-sharp Major, Op.30
13.00 (Stereo): Noon concert — Albinoni: Trumpet Concerto in C Major (Maurice Andre); Bach: Cantata *No.189 (Peter Schreier);* Mozart: Symphony No.28 in C Major
14.10 World of Science
14.35 Speakers Podium — Prof. Ernst Simon talks about the late Martin Buber
16.05 (Stereo): Israel Chamber Orchestra, Rudolf Barshai conducting, with Daniel Adni, piano; *Heather Harper, soprano; Peter* Lagger, bass — Works by Beethoven and Shostakovich
20.15 (Stereo): "For the Collector" with Edna Anati
21.30 Prof. Yosef Tal talks about electronic music
22.05 (Stereo): Beethoven: Trio Op.70, No.1 (Yuval Trio); Mozart: Five Fugues, K.405 (Melos Quartet); Beethoven: Quartet in E-flat Major, The Harp (Tel Aviv Quartet)
23.23 (Stereo): "23:23" — Paul *Hindemith: Sonatas for Viola, Oboe,* Bassoon
00.10 (Stereo): "Musical Miniatures"

Second Programme
12.30 Israeli songs
14.10 Musical adventures
15.05 Sabbath songs
16.10 Magazine on health and medicine
17.05 Manny Peer's talk and entertainment show
18.05 On Economics and Business
18.43 Sports commentary
19.00 People and events in the news
19.47 Bible Reading: Jeremiah 47, 48
20.05 Gideon Lev-Ari's weekly column, including the Interview of the Week
21.05 Jazz Corner — recordings of Ethel Waters

Army
6.30 University on the Air — Prof. Itamar Rabinovitz lectures on the "Arab countries in modern times — *the geopolitical importance of the* Middle East"
9.05 Morning Party — Music: "Red Line" — Listeners may call 03-822292 the moment something newsworthy happens
12.05 Songs, regards
12.45 Fifteen Minutes — a brief survey of current events in Israel and *around the world*
13.05 Hebrew songs
13.30 "5708" — Recordings of the events of 30 years ago
16.05 Recordings of Esther Ofarim's concert at the Mann Auditorium
18.05 Magazine on science at the service of man
18.35 Hebrew songs
19.05 Discussion with soldiers stationed on the Hermon
19.50 "5708" (repeat)
20.05 History of rock music
20.55 "Headline" — International news
21.05 Folk songs
21.30 University on the Air — Lecture on the "Arab countries in modern times — the geopolitical importance of the Middle East" (repeat)
22.05 Classical Music
00.05 Night Birds — songs, chat

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18.00 (Fourth) •
20.00 (Fourth) •
22.00 (Fifth) •
00.30 (Fifth) •
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French
7.15 (Fourth, Fifth) 15 min. including review of Hebrew press
14.30 (Fourth, Fifth) 30 min.
18.05 (Fourth) 5 min.
20.15 (Fourth) 15 min.
22.30 (Fifth) 25 min.
24.00 (Fifth) 30 min.
Yiddish 6.25, 18.30 *(First)*
Hungarian 19.15 (Fifth) 15 min. Saturdays (First) 30 min.
Rumanian 6.30, 19.45 (First)
Russian 6.20 (First), 19.15 (First, Fifth)
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Ladino 6.35 (First), 20.00 (First, Fifth)
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Tel Aviv

MUSEUMS
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4) **The Israel Theatre Museum** (3 Rehov Melchett)
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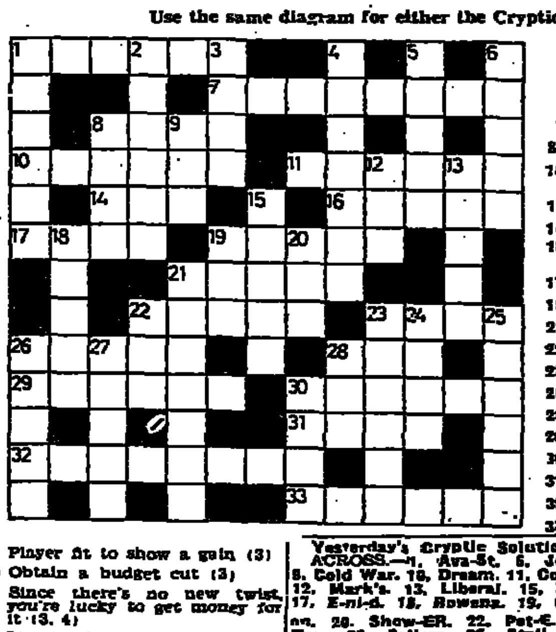
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CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS
1 Beat up a culinary mixture (6)
7 Lofty musician? (8)
8 Allows occupation of some billets (4)
10 Whether he puts up the price or not, there's an outcry about beer (6)
11 Legendary cave-man (6)
14 Donovan's eggs (3)
16 Tempting enough to make you stay for T? (5)
17 Go up the hill (4)
19 Heathenish cause of a pang (5)
21 Role I re-create for the college (5)
22 Little Alphonse is frequently high (5)
23 An appeal gratifying to sing (4)
26 Like the sound from a herd (5)
28 Creature bragging of its sting? (3)
29 The commander may also take them (6)
30 He carries the burden of office (6)
31 Before going in the canteen (4)
32 Omitting to exercise? (8)
33 Stray bloomers (6)

DOWN
1 Trouble, dammit! (6)
2 Time to be high-handed? (6)
3 *Promisingly tinted? (4)*
4 London station (7)
5 Gold ones are better than brass bands (5)
6 Where's Roma? (5)
8 Source of sols in Indo-China (4)
9 Leaves in bags (3)
12 Article repeatedly pointed out by a girl (3)
13 Make up a note? (3)
15 Was out with the kids (5)
18 This man gets shot (in the stomach?)! (5)
18 Player fit to show a gain (3)
20 Obtain a budget cut (3)
21 Since there's no new twist, *you're lucky to get money for* it (3, 4)
22 Live in the parental home (3)
23 Stout railman (6)
24 Modern way to blend tea by *the pound (4)*
25 They may be all of a quiver (6)
26 The building game (5)
27 Confess it after mad commotion (5)
28 Prevent bank robbery! (3)
30 Beastly draughty prison (4)

EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS
1 Glare (6)
7 Story (8)
8 Prejudice (4)
10 *Roofing material* (6)
11 Consider (6)
14 Permit (3)
16 Female horses (5)
17 Ended (4)
19 Hell (5)
21 Moist (5)
22 Females (5)
23 Grow weary (4)
26 Wise men (5)
28 Laceration (3)
29 *Nice-looking* (6)
30 Grieve (6)
31 Lily genus (4)
32 Unsettled (8)
33 Lampoon (6)

DOWN
1 Cave (6)
2 Restaurant employee (6)
3 Skin eruption (4)
4 *Plotted* (7)
5 Tooth (5)
6 Requirements (5)
8 Bundle (4)
9 Play division (3)
12 Vapour (3)
13 Allude (5)
15 Animal (5)
18 Churchman (5)
19 Droning sound (3)
20 Racket (3)
21 Antagonistic (7)
22 Rainy (3)
23 Clamour (6)
24 Detail (4)
25 Whole (6)
26 Sudden increase in speed (5)
27 Web-footed birds (5)
28 Vehicle (3)
30 Girl (4)

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution
ACROSS.—1, Ava-St. 6, Jetty. 8, Cold War. 10, Dream. 11, Coach. 12, Mark's. 13, Liberal. 15, Mid. 17, E-ni-d. 18, Rowena. 19, G-Et-on. 20, Show-ER. 22, Pet-E. 24, Tan. 25, Sellers. 26, Stall. 27, Callos. 28, Stuff. 29, Meat pie. 30, C-amel. 31, Tries.
DOWN.—2, Virgin. 3, Sear-Ed. 4, Tom(ahawk). 5, Ideal. 6, Jack-son. 7, Eros. 8, Tuck in. 12, Maker. 13, Least. 14, Bi-son. 15, Me-Lee. 16, Dames. 18, Rowel. 19, Gent-eel. 21, Havana. 22, P-later. 23, Trifle. 25, Slate. 26, S-OM-E. 28, Sit.

Yesterday's Easy Solution
ACROSS.—1, Brush. 6, Stage. 9, Monarch. 10, Avoid. 11, Audit. 12, Stars. 13, Sachets. 15, Sec. 17, Play. 18, Rental. 19, Ingot. 20, Emerge. 22, Alps. 24, Dud. 25, Beetles. 26, Yokel. 27, After. 28, Pinch. 29, Learner. 30, Snaps. 31, Peels.
DOWN.—2, Reveal. 3, Smithy. 4, Rod. 5, Waits. 6, Scarlet. 7, This. 8, Guinea. 12, Stone. 13, Speed. 14, Caned. 15, Still. 16, Clasp. 18, Rowel. 19, Ignores. 21, Muffin. 22, Attire. 23, Pencil. 25, Beery. 26, Yelp. 28, Pep.

SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLE TOMORROW

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Industrials gain while other sectors mixed

TEL AVIV. — Paz Exploration yesterday broke out of its recent slump which brought its price below the issue level. It added 9.5 points to 108 on a demand of IL2.2m. The strong demand for this share was a feature of a market which reflected gains in the industrial sector but a mixed trend in other areas of trading.

The strong demand for Paz Exploration once again revives hopes for an improved atmosphere in which companies can bring new issues into the market. At least in the immediate future it is not likely to expect a swinging new issue market, but investors may draw encouragement from the Paz Exploration issue in so far as the prospects for capital gains still exist, even in the face of an otherwise poor market.

Today Bank Hapoalim will announce its financial results for the past fiscal year. The bank's bearer shares, in advance of the announcement, moved up by one point, to 494, in active trading. Bank Leumi traded unchanged but IDB tacked on one point to 413.

Mortgage bank shares presented a mixed basket. Price variations were generally small, with the exception of the Agricultural Bank "A" shares, which declined by more than six per cent to 160.

Israel Cold Storage IL10 again was lower as it was down by almost seven per cent to 230.

Insurance issues traded in a narrow range, with a slightly higher tendency prevailing.

Land development and real estate shares were spotty, with no discernible changes. The largest swing was in Mehadrin, which declined by 42 to 820.

Industrials were the bright spot of the session, with issues moving generally higher. Elron IL1 was "buyers only" at 504 after the shares were reduced by the share bonus payment. Chemicals and Phosphates were up by more than seven per cent to 291. Paper mills, however, declined by nine to 356.

Investment company issues also showed limited movement. Koor showed strength as it rose by 40 points to 575. Jordan Exploration warrants were 45 lower at 1,235. Oil shares continued soft and gave ground.

The bond market showed some signs of reawakening in advance of the January cost-of-living-index announcement. The 3½ per cent Government Loans, Interest unlinked, were in good demand and prices rose in the sector by as much as three per cent. The 6.5 per cent Defence Loans fluctuated within a range of +/- 1.5 per cent.

Foreign currency denominated bonds fell by about one per cent on the average.

Most Active Issues

Paz Exploration	108+9.5	IL2,193,000
Bank Leumi	391nc	IL1,552,000
Hapoalim (b)	484+1	IL1,287,000
Shares traded:		IL43.2m.
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Bonds:		IL18.9m.
Share index, down 0.18 per cent, to 161.86		

		12.2.78	9.2.78
DOLLAR-LINKED DEBENTURES			
5% Dead Sea	b	2121	2111
5% Dead Sea Junior	r	800	795
6% Electric Corp. B.	r	535	585
PURCHASE IN DOLLARS			
Hollis 22		112.5	112.5
C. of L. LINKED (principal and interest)			
Absorp. 1966 (1)	b	1047	1042
Absorp. 1967 (1)	b	1019	1014
Bit. 1968 (41)	b	488	488
Bit 1969 (41)	b	381	381
Bit. 1969 6.5% (66)	b	531.9	533.5
Bit. 1969 6.5% (91)	b	448	437.5
OPTIONALS			
Dev. 296	b	500.5	500.5
Dev. 313	b	479.5	479.5
Dev. 4% (3001)	b	357.5	357.5
15% Mizrahi (2)	r	276	283
7% Leumi (5)	b	290	292
10% Delek	r	168	167
10% Disc. Inv. (72)	b	245	245
BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS			
Otsar Hityashvut	r	324	330
I.D.B. pref.	r	785	775
I.D.B. Bankholding	r	418	412
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Discount "A"	r	600	605
United Mizrahi	b	255	253
Hapoalim	bnr.	484	483
Leumi "A"	r	392	391
Gen. Mortgage	b	490	499
Dev. & Mortgage	b	302	308
Housing Mortg.	b	286	288
Tefahot 8% pref.	b	442	440
Tefahot	b	440	440
Merav		333	320
Ind. & Dev. 8% pref.	r	147.5	140.5
Aryeh	r	678	679
Hassneh Insurance	b	508	510
Sahar — "C"	b	664	664
Zur		596	595
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Azorim	r	226	222
Africa Israel IL10	r	867	870
Isr. Land Dev.		225	233

Solel Boneh 10% pref.		320	325
Property & Building		289	280
Isras		282	275
Mehadrin		820	862
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Neot Aviv	r	355	355
Pri Or Ltd.	b	506	521
Rassco - 8% pref.	r	164	161
Rassco	r	145	143.5
INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance - B	r	1300	1300
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Electra - 5	r	282	271
Argaman - 8%	b	211	211
Ata - C	r	136	136
Dubek	b	630	620
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Lewin Epstein		321	321
Moller Textile		190	185
Paper Mills	r	356	355
Assia "B"	r	160	155
Nechustan 8% pref.	b	1045	1045
Elite	r	333	335
Shemen - 8% pref.	b	210	210
Frutarom	r	125	125
Polgat	r	337	338
Elron IL2	r	460	550
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Ellern	b	414	403
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Hapoalim	b	347	347
Paz	b.	254	266
Wolfson - IL10	b	155	155
Ampa	r	130	136
Discount	b	347	347
United Mizrahi	b	315	318
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Pityon	r	330	320
Hassuta-Foreign Trade		—	—
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Clal	r	275	276
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New gloom as brooms loom over Jerusalem merchants

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem's shopkeepers will soon be wielding their brooms as a matter of fiat rather than feeling.

In an angry broadside aimed at Mayor Teddy Kollek, the Jerusalem Merchants Association yesterday informed its members that a Kollek-sponsored municipal bylaw requiring shopkeepers to sweep their sidewalks "has already been signed and is to become statutory four months after publication in *Reshumot* (the official Gazette).

According to Avraham Birnbaum, secretary of the association, there is more to the bylaw than Mayor Kollek's interest in clean streets. Birnbaum told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday: "Fact is, this city's merchants have been doing a pretty good job keeping their shop environs clean. If they did not, Jerusalem would by now be the dirtiest city in the country.

"No, I claim Mr. Kollek is not just objectively interested in cleaner curbs. He has consistently been anti-shopkeeper in his attitude, and this bylaw is his latest attempt at showing the Capital's small businessman who is boss around here."

Birnbaum vowed in the name of his organization's members that "we shall never agree to sweep our sidewalks as a result of a discriminatory law that fails to place the same obligation on other property owners here.."

Suspecting that Mayor Kollek's sidewalk sweeping law was spurred by a similar one passed in Tel Aviv last year, Birnbaum added: "If our mayor wants to imitate Mr. Lahat, fine! But let him also emulate Mr. Lahat's taxation practices. But, no! A Jerusalem shopkeeper today pays city business taxes which are hundreds of per cent higher than those of his counterparts in Tel Aviv."

The financial bind of the cities

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — If the cities wish to have the funds which the Government agrees they need, they can either pay a 28 per cent interest rate on them or have the money at their disposal for a short time only and pay a two per cent fine for its use.

This is the strange situation in which the cities have been finding themselves after attempting to implement an agreement with the Treasury worked out last December.

At the time, the local authorities demanded compensation for the added expenditures they faced as a result of the New Economic Policy, which threatened to drive them further into the red. The Government agreed that, in order for the cities not to lose any more ground in their battle with growing deficits, they should be given IL300m. more.

But since the Government argued that it cannot itself afford to allocate the funds in the form of a grant, the cities would instead be exempt from handing over to the Treasury their employees' income tax deductions for January, February and March. This alone would put some IL300m. back into local coffers.

But that is not how the income tax authority understood the arrangement. Union of Local Authorities' officials were told that the income tax authority had not been party to any agreement and could not discriminate between different tax payers. The tax the cities would keep for the first three months of the year would have to be paid up in full by June, and a two per cent penalty for the delay would also be charged, the municipalities were told.

The financially-pressed cities protested that in this manner a scheme designed to save them from even greater debt would only make their situation worse. Income tax then offered a different solution. The country's local authorities were told that they could have the IL300m. as a loan for ten months, at a 28 per cent interest rate.

Unable to get the Treasury and the income tax authority to coordinate their policy, the cities gave up on the tax scheme. Yesterday they sent the Ministers of Finance and Interior a telegram asking that the December agreement be called off altogether, or the financial state of local governments would be considerably aggravated rather than alleviated.

The ministers are asked to come up with another idea for putting the needed IL300m. at the cities' disposal, as was agreed upon in principle. But this should be done without asking them to get further into the red in their effort to prevent increasing deficits.

Another protest note sent the Finance Minister over the delay in the transfer to the cities of nearly IL1,000m. still remains unanswered.

Despite the Government's promises, the funds which it owes the local authorities for the 1977-78 fiscal year, as well as Ministry of Education reimbursements for services provided on its behalf, were not turned over to the cities during January. This forced them to take out loans at high commercial interest rates to avoid bankruptcy.

Academics are now half of the unemployed

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The number of persons receiving unemployment insurance has more than doubled in the past half-year, and now stands at 1,601, the director of the Employment Service, Baruch Haklai, told reporters in Jerusalem yesterday.

Of these, approximately half are university trained people, he said.

Nevertheless, Haklai predicted that next year's employment picture will not get worse (than this year's).

He also challenged the validity of the 54,000 jobless figure published by the Central Bureau of Statistics for the final quarter of 1977. According to Haklai, this figure was extracted from a statistical sample of 12,000 families — "and there just aren't that many unemployed persons in the job market."

Haklai reported that last month there were 24,150 jobs offered at the nation's labour exchanges, with 20,000 persons registered as seeking employment.

He added that the textile, tourism and defence industries are now short of approximately 10,000 workers, due in part to the low wages being offered by some of these employers.

As for workers from the administered areas, Haklai estimated that though the official figure is 45,500 such workers, there are probably another 10,000 who work here "unofficially" — without going through formal job placement procedures at labour exchanges.

Solel Boneh cuts back

Solel Boneh plans to cut back its activities here and beef up its construction work abroad, according to a company spokesman.

He said $390m. worth of overseas construction work are now on its "execution budget," compared with $195m. such work in 1976. The total budget is IL12,500m.

The spokesman said Solel Boneh reduced its labour force by 10 to 20 per cent last year. Most of the dismissals were among temporary workers.

Hebrew U. horticulturists help boost $50m. flower export

Methods devised by Hebrew University scientists play a key role in stepping up Israel's $50m. export of flowers, just as their research is fundamental to the production of flowers.

At a large new flower packing plant at Tel Mond, three different machines are now in operation, built according to specifications by the university scientists.

Prof. Avraham Halevy, head of the Ornamental Horticulture Department of the H.U. Faculty of Agriculture in Rehovot, said in a recent interview that these innovations are unique in the world. Working closely with Prof. Halevy is Dr. Shimon Mayak, in charge of the post-harvest group in the department.

From one of the machines cold air is pumped through hundreds of hoses into boxes of flowers in order to keep them fresh longer at low temperatures. Another machine produces sheets of ice in plastic bags which are placed in the flower boxes to cool these down to 2° Centigrade. In other flower exporting countries, crushed ice is placed in the boxes, which may result in the deterioration of boxes and flowers when the ice melts.

The third machine pumps a chemical solution called "Floron" which improves the quality and prolongs the longevity of flowers. After the flowers are treated, they are washed with ordinary water. Previously, according to Prof. Halevy, flower growers using "Floron" often handled the chemical solution incorrectly; this operation is now done solely at the packing plant.

The large new premises, a pilot plant for other flower packing centres to be set up, were built for a capacity of 100 million flowers annually. It was expected that this goal would be reached in 1980, but it has already been achieved.

Another piece of scientific advice given by H.U. researchers to improve the expert quality is to give the flowers a new lease of life as soon as they arrive by airfreight at their first destination abroad. At new terminals for the Israeli flowers, set up in Cologne and at Kennedy Airport in New York, the Israeli exporters retreat the flowers in several ways. The stem of the flowers is re-cut, they are re-saturated with water or "Floron" and are then sent on the market.

The whole retreatment process, both in Cologne and New York, is supervised by Faculty of Agriculture graduates.

Roses and miniature carnations are the greatest export success among Israeli flowers during the winter season. A new hit is the blue flower called Statice, a tall summer flower growing along the Mediterranean coast. As this flower is much in demand abroad during winter, Prof. Halevy and his staff have now changed its cycles, "tricking" the plant to bloom in winter.

"We place seedlings under cold conditions — 12° Centigrade — and eventually send a kind of signal to the flower that winter is over and it is time to bloom."

Israel is now the third-largest flower exporter in the world (after Holland and Colombia), and Europe imports more flowers from Israel than from any other country.

Israeli scientists are now working in Holland together with Dutch colleagues. The Dutch have signed an agreement with Agrexco for use of its flower processing plant in New York. The Dutch in return, handle Israeli flowers at auctions in Aalsmeer.

Flower growing here has become such a major business that while ten years ago there were less than 100 flower growers — "I could visit them all in one day," says Prof. Halevy — today there are close to 5,000.

Parallel with this is a big increase in the number of students of horticulture at the Faculty of Agriculture. Some 60 are now studying this subject compared to six only five years ago. About one-third of the students come from kibbutzim.

Pace-setter in furniture marketing

The concept behind the marketing policies of the Karo furniture firm is to work on a small markup and to depend on volume business to produce profits. With 32 years of successful experience in furniture and interior design, the company is very careful to maintain its hard-won reputation. To do so it adopts a policy of total responsibility towards the customer. This implies free consultation with the company's interior designers. The planning and advice is available to potential clients, whether they consider ordering one piece of furniture or a complete set. The company accepts responsibility long after the order has been delivered.

The New Economic Policy, according to company management, has not had a marked effect on Karo's prices Furnishings from pre-NEP stocks have not been raised in price. On items which have come into stock since then, price rises have been kept to a minimum.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An information service by National Consultants covering companies listed on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange is now for the first time being offered to the public. The financial information is available in Hebrew and in English.

Financial data on shares include prices, net dividends, earnings per share, price/earnings ratio, net yield and net worth. Financial results on a comparative basis over a number of years are also provided.

National Consultants intends to update each file card at least once a year. This service has been used by financial institutions for a number of years, but only now can private individuals obtain this valuable information. Investment clubs here and abroad are likely to find the service a useful tool in making investment decisions.

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The Mul-T-Lock company, Israel's largest manufacturer and distributor of home security devices, will exhibit at the Cologne Hardware Fair, which takes place from the 17-21 of this month. The company will exhibit security locks, protective doors and mini-safes. The company is expanding its exports to the U.S., Australia, Hongkong, France and Spain.

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National Breweries is continuing to expand its export sales. Third quarter figures for 1977 indicate a 5.5 per cent rise over the same period in 1976. In the past ten months National Breweries has exported 3.75m. bottles and cans of beer.

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Maskit is expanding its sales activities. In December the company opened its second store in Eilat. The store is managed by two recent immigrants, one from Russia and the other from Argentina. It features a wide range of jewelry, ranging from popularly priced items to those studded with precious stones. In addition the store features men's and women's fashions primarily reflecting Israeli styles.

In March the company will open its first store in Haifa. The store will be located in the Dresner house on Mount Carmel. It will mark the eighth store in the Maskit chain.

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The office of the Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism has just published "R & D," A Directory of Research and Development-intensive Industries in Israel, 1977.

The 163-page directory, updated to April 1977, covers the fields of chemicals, ceramics and glass, pesticides, paints, minerals, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, plastics, food, electronics, electrical products, machinery, tools, metals, electrical and educational equipment.

For each company listed the directory provides the names of the managers, a short history of the company and its major activites, its main products and those produced under licence. It also lists know-how agreements, and whether the company has any subsidiaries. Under statistical data the turnover figures are provided, including exports. The percentage of turnover invested in R & D is also listed, as well as the number of people working on research.

Fishermen order three new fibreglass shrimpboats from Italian yard

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The fisherman's union last week signed a contract with a shipyard in Ancona, Italy, for the construction of three fibreglass shrimpers and trawlers. The boats were designed by experts at the Agriculture Ministry's Fisheries Division.

Union secretary Dov Schmiede told *The Post* that the boats are to cost $132,000 (about IL2m.) each, and are to be delivered within six months. The union was able to get a specially favourable price because the Ancona yard intends to use the design for a number of boats for other buyers. The boats will have refrigerated storage for catches of up to 80 tons and will be fitted with the latest in electronic fishing equipment. The three Italian boats were ordered instead of five steel-hull trawlers the union intended to buy in the U.S. The November devaluation, however, put their price beyond the fishermen's ability and the order was cancelled.

Schmiede said the advantages of the fibreglass boats over steel-hull construction include the absence of rust, easier upkeep, higher speed and fuel savings of up to 25 per cent.

The boats will be manned by crews of four. They will be purchased by three groups. Two of these are made up of graduates of the marine officers and fishing schools, and one of navy men who are about to be demobilised. The Agriculture Ministry is extending loans for half the cost and giving a 30 per cent grant to encourage export fishing. The men will put up the remaining 20 per cent.

Schmiede said that as a result of the current seamen's strike the Union has had a number of enquiries from sailors who may be interested in starting a new career as fishermen and want to look into the costs of acquiring boats.

COINS AND MEDALS

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — During the past year, while the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corp. has adopted a minimal minting policy, there has been a notable development in the sphere of privately minted medals. These items are ordered and minted by private groups and they have no value as coins. These issues primarily cater to collectors who are attracted by their meticulous craftsmanship and their carefully maintained mintage figure. The interest in these private issues was engendered by the Chagall Harp Competition Medallion, which was issued by the I.G.C.M.C. in conjunction with the Harp Festival.

Some 600 medals were sold to dealers. The medal has rapidly risen in price and is traded today at almost ten times its issue price.

Perhaps the best known of these is the Reuven Rubin medal, which has been struck in gold and in silver and limited to 500 units of each type. Reuven Rubin was one of Israel's best known artists. The face of the medal shows a self-portrait and the obverse carries a reproduction of an olive tree drawn by the artist. Each of the medals is numbered and bears the signature of the artist.

Another interesting medal is the Tumarkin Peace Medal, which was designed by the artist. A reproduction of the monument to the holocaust and rebirth appears on one side and on the obverse is a reproduction of Tumarkin's statue on the subject of peace.

A private group is currently making plans for minting a medal to the Sadat-Begin meetings in Jerusalem last November.

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B-G	3,200	205
Bonds	2,450	157
Bar Mitzva	5,050	325
Crusaders	3,150	200
Massada	4,800	310
Jerusalem	4,450	285
Rothschild	4,550	295
Balfour	5,850	375
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Swedish Kr.	3.4442	3.4192
French Fr.	3.2722	3.2484
Danish Kr.	2.8015	2.7812
Austrian Sh. (10)	10.8138	10.5365
Dutch Fl.	7.1135	7.0619
DM	7.8155	7.7602
Italian Lire (1000)	18.5831	18.4482
Finnish M.	4.0401	4.0108
Norwegian Kr.	3.1229	3.1002
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New thinking needed

IT IS A CONTRADICTION in terms for an honest broker, providing good offices to negotiations, to form his own opinion in advance on the merits of the rival claims in the dispute. This is the main point in the Government's statement yesterday, and it is perfectly well taken.

But was the American "mediator" — the quotes are in the original — not bidden by Prime Minister Begin himself to take sides in advance? Indeed, the gravest charge against Secretary of State Vance is that he, or rather President Carter, has in large measure changed sides since Mr. Begin's visit to Washington late last year.

When the Premier saw the President on December 27, we are assured, no umbrage at all was taken to the Israeli suggestion that the settlements in the Rafiah Approaches should be kept undisturbed, under the UN flag and Israeli armed protection; and that the response to the Israeli project was "favourable."

*Moreover, the entire peace plan — including the idea of self-*rule for Judea, Samaria and Gaza — was only presented to President Sadat in Ismailiya after it had received the "moral backing of the U.S." Otherwise, apparently, it would not have been presented.

Now, Mr. Begin's cabinet in effect complains, that backing has suddenly been withdrawn; and for no good reason.

The statement of fact is at least partly true. There has been what is usually described as an erosion in the American position, and as usual, in a direction advantageous to Egypt rather than to Israel. But while the development is deplorable, it also requires an exploration of its causes.

No doubt there was a desire to draw Egypt closer into association with the U.S., and to demonstrate to other Arab nations the benefits of American friendship. But there may also have been a basic misunderstanding, on Mr. Begin's part, of what it was that he had actually accomplished in Washington.

Apparently Mr. Begin, having summoned the U.S. back to an active role in the Middle East peace process, expected to contain American participation in the management of the conflict to sideline applause of starting positions. Had he succeeded, he could have spared himself his predecessors' hopeless quest of policy "coordination" with the U.S. — and at the same time to keep the Americans essentially on Israel's side.

That would have been a great feat, indeed. But was it ever possible?

The "moral backing" that Mr. Begin's self-rule plan obtained was for what Mr. Carter termed "a step in the right direction." This appears a far cry from the hearty endorsement of which Mr. Begin has been speaking these past few weeks.

If, in addition, Mr. Carter has changed his mind on the disposition of the Rafiah settlements, it behooves the government to ask whether its actions have not contributed to the U.S. reaction.

The latest word on the much-debated Rafiah Salient is that Defence Minister Weizman has ordered a halt to new construction in the area. This welcome move should put an end to the series of stumbling attempts to create last minute "facts on the ground," covered up with a string of what can at best be labelled terminological inaccuracies.

The building pause, if observed, might be a suitable occasion to rethink the entire notion of an area of Jewish-Israeli settlement under the sovereignty, however titular, of Egypt.

The settlers in the Salient are surely right when they insist that, to be an effective security buffer zone, the Rafiah area must be under full Israel sovereignty; and that, if the major purpose of the arrangement is simply to allow the settlers to stay on, even under the Egyptians, then it might well be scrapped, because they will pack up and leave.

A cursory examination of the project reveals that some of the most elementary questions — how will the human traffic from Sinai into the Salient be regulated? who will judge in disputes between Israeli Jews and Egyptian Arabs? — have not been addressed to at all.

An alternative proposal will not be easy to design. A territorial swap, with Egypt getting a small slice of the Negev, appears to be unacceptable, at least for the moment, not only to Mr. Sadat but to Mr. Begin as well. Neither of them wishes to tamper with the international frontier in the south. Yet the existing Israeli project does not hold out any great promise.

The government will therefore have to go back to the drawing boards.

CABINET STATEMENT

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peace plan, in writing, to the government of the United States — that the settlements "should not exist."

Immediately after having made this part of his statement the secretary added, "This, however, is a problem that has to be resolved by the parties. They are going to have to negotiate it themselves."

We face here an obvious *contradiction-in-terms between* a "mediator" taking sides and his advice to conduct negotiations.

With regard to the areas of Eretz Yisrael, Judea and Samaria, the secretary of state announced that "there should be a homeland for the Palestinians and that it should be linked to Jordan."

Whatever the theoretical assumptions and interpretations, *there is* absolutely no doubt that this plan would lead, in reality and unavoidably, to the establishment of a Palestinian state ruled by the terrorist organizations as the front-line spearhead of a potential military alignment of Jordan, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Iraq. Already today, this alignment has at its disposal nearly 6,000 tanks, over 1,100 fighter aircraft, and more than 4,200 heavy guns. Israel, under such conditions, would find itself nine miles from the sea, and a situation would thus be created of mortal danger to its very existence. No political goal, whatever it be, can move Israel to place almost all its civilian population within the range of an enemy's fire and endanger the very existence of the Jewish state.

We wish to point out that it was only after the Israeli peace plan, in both its parts, obtained the moral support of the United States that the government decided to send its delegation — composed of the Prime Minister, the foreign minister and the defence minister — to Ismailiya in order to bring the plan to the knowledge of the government of Egypt.

The cabinet expresses its hope that the government of the United States will reconsider its position in light of the positive talks held between the president and the Prime Minister in December 1977, in connection with the Israeli peace plan.

After Hirbet Hiza, what?

By SHALOM COHEN

WHAT IS important about the "Hirbet Hiza" controversy is not so much the fate of this particular TV film, but rather what will happen afterwards. What will happen after the term of the present Broadcasting Authority management expires?

Will the next Authority — its Director and members — "learn" the lesson of the "Hirbet" affair and become a watch committee in the worst sense?

The reason for these dark suspicions — may they prove unfounded — lies in the nature of the attacks on the present Authority and the broadcasters — namely that it is all a "leftist conspiracy." It is this which sounds the alarm, and it is against this background that the debate over "Hirbet" should be seen. For the play became a *cause celebre* because it came after a sustained campaign against "leftist" domination of TV that emanated from "rightist" and "religio jingoist" quarters. Were it not for this insidious campaign, the row over "Hirbet" might have been treated more soberly.

My colleague, Moshe Kohn, in an article on Friday gave expression to this view of the people at TV. For example: "Only, however, if it is true, as some allege, that Broadcasting House is controlled by 'leftists' and 'cosmopolitans' who deliberately ignore the 'positive' features of our history and contemporary life and do not allow more 'patriotic' artists to present their works..."

Interestingly, much has been said about the rights and wrongs of screening "Hirbet" on TV, but little on why and how the project was conceived and approved.

But that is not the real issue. What is more to the point is that the political establishment, in its attitude to the media, is a de facto wall-to-wall coalition. All politicians and "*askanim*" want their bit of control. Animus toward the media is not limited to the Herut or religious camps. The other side — Mapai and Labour — also try and tried to exert pressure, if perhaps more quietly.

When the parties and the askanim wail about bias or negativism in the media, what they generally really mean is that they want more media time or space for themselves or their party and less for others.

Thus it is ludicrous to argue in Israel that TV editors, or in the words of my colleague, Moshe Kohn, "media priests" do not link their professional liberty with responsibility and that the members of parliament have a right to step in to provide this sense of national responsibility.

Who is kidding whom? The main concern of the politicians and parties is not for the professional level of TV or radio. When they intervene, they do so as interested political forces. Media mediocrity would be the inevitable result of political interference.

Thus the pressure for more "positive" programming is self-defeating. Once a broadcasting director and his aides are appointed, programming must be left to their discretion and to the execution of the professional editors and staff. The non-commercial BBC in England has developed such a system. It takes time and patience, but it can be done.

Our Broadcasting Authority is appointed partially by a party key. It also includes independent members, such as teachers and authors. But in real terms the rock bottom safeguard for the independence of the State media rests with the professional staff: editors, journalists, and artists. This means that mistakes may occur and must be expected. (Perhaps even "Hirbet" was a misjudgement.) Otherwise our broadcasters will be constantly looking over their shoulders, and timidity will be the rule. Banning of a programming is after all exceptional. More widespread and invidious are political and personal pressures to broadcast programmes which by professional criteria are unwanted. The public hears less of such occurrences.

It could well be that one of the reasons for the conflict between the State media and officialdom and political parties is the generation gap. Possibly, the younger Israel-born generation revolts, unconsciously, against the cant and stereotyped platitudes of its elders in the political establishment who were and are accustomed to whitewashing Israel society's less attractive features. As was said after the Yom Kippur war, one can't separate the Army from society in general. So with the media.

Though it can be said that after the amateurish-run-in years, the TV and radio rose above the general prevailing intellectual level, there is still room for improvement, especially in TV.

Precisely for this reason it is absurd to believe, as some critics from the right have now argued, that a second private and commercial channel would enable bigger doses of "positive" programming.

What difference on what channel "Hirbet," or an equally controversial feature, appears? And what hypocrisy for the "People of the Book" to advocate the intrusion of inane commercials on TV.

Let's not therefore build up some fictitious political all-knowing national establishment which would see to it that TV and radio are "positive." Until our parties and politicians mature, we should prefer the lesser of the evils — *professionals* or "*mediacrats*" in Kohn's terms.

Unprejudiced and relevant criticism of their performance could only help to raise standards.

THE HEALTH MONOPOLY

DAVID KRIVINE, continuing his discussion of the Sohar report on the establishment of a national health service, suggests a two-stage changeover from the existing system.

THE QUESTION of compensation will inevitably be an important factor when it comes to a decision as to whether the government is to replace Kupat Holim by a National Health Authority. But the Histadrut is concerned not so much with retaining its property and facilities, or recovering the money it has invested in them, as with preventing an erosion of its membership.

A good many of the Histadrut's members *belong to it mainly* because of Kupat Holim, and if that medical service were to be dismantled, some of those members might ask themselves why they should go on paying dues month after month.

Yet the organic connection between membership of the Histadrut and membership of Kupat Holim was already severed under ex-Health Minister Shemtov's bill — and he represents the viewpoint of the workers' movement.

According to this Labour Party measure, any Histadrut member wanting to leave Kupat Holim and *join another sick fund would be free* to do so, while retaining his membership in the Histadrut if he wished. And anybody outside the Histadrut who wanted to join Kupat Holim only (and not the trade union movement) would likewise be free to do so.

Is the Histadrut ready, then, to cut its own jugular vein? Not quite. As for the biggest sick fund in the country, Kupat Holim has a tremendous competitive advantage. Under Health Minister Shostak's bill it would cease to exist.

And there are signs that the Labour movement will fight hard to prevent that from happening. Angry arguments abound. Mr. Shemtov is of the opinion that the proposed Authority would be a bureaucratic monster — a second golem, additional to the already existing *golem of the Health Ministry.*

IT IS STRANGE that a good socialist like Shemtov should brand a state-run public service thus. Still, criticisms have to be examined on their merits. What is the answer?

It is always possible to build bureaucracies; some say that Kupat Holim is one. But there does not have to be any overlap between the Ministry and the Authority, provided the Ministry reduced in size as the *latter takes over the duty of* providing Israel with a health service.

A comparison that springs to mind is the relation between the National Insurance Institute and the Labour *Ministry.* The Institute is responsible to the Ministry, but the job of providing social insurance is concentrated entirely in the Institute, the Ministry devoting itself to quite other tasks.

The Health Ministry is in any case due for merger with the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry into a single department — which might be happy to hive off executive functions, at least in the running of medical services. It would be busy enough with its other obligations in the health *field, such as legislation, supervision,* and the supply of training facilities.

That still leaves the National Health Authority as a large organization. Victor Shemtov calls it a monopoly. He would prefer a pluralistic system of medical insurance, as exists in most European countries. "West Germany," he says, "has 300 sick funds."

True, says Shostak. But they do not own hospitals and clinics; they simply collect insurance dues and pay medical fees. Kupat Holim not only possesses all those ponderous *installations; it supplies medical* services to three-quarters of the population. It is more than twice as big *as all the other sick funds in Israel* put together. If that is not a monopoly, what is? Shostak wants to know.

THE DIFFERENCE between Germany and Israel is, in fact, that Israel is saddled with Kupat Holim. Had the country been divided up between several dozen sick funds of approximately equal size, the Sohar committee might have considered retaining them. But that situation does not exist.

So Shemtov's choice is not between a monopolistic and a pluralistic system: It is between a monopoly owned by a trade union movement and a monopoly owned by the state.

The head of Kupat Holim insists that the former is better. According to Professor Doron's philosophy, the Histadrut-owned monopoly is more democratic.

It belongs to its members; it is sensitive to their requirements.

Cross-questioned about this sensitivity, he recalls that Kupat Holim *has advisory committees in all* localities, representing the insured population.

I tell him that I have been a member of Kupat Holim for over 25 years, and know nothing about advisory committees, in my locality or any other. He informs me they are selected by the party politicians who make up the Histadrut executive.

That seems to me a far cry from popular participation. And how "sensitive" will the national health service be? The Sohar report recommends that in each of the 22 districts, a public advisory committee be appointed — by the local authority. Whether that is a better or worse form of "grass-roots" democratic control, only experience can tell.

THE ARGUMENTS in favour of retaining the medical *status quo* are not convincing. The best plan is unquestionably that suggested by the *Sohar committee. But it is difficult to* see how, with the best will in the world, the present government can abolish the complex existing structure, and introduce a nationwide government-owned medical system in one fell swoop.

In the circumstances, it might be wiser to move towards a unified national health service in two stages. The Shemtov bill could be stage one, the Shostak bill stage two.

If the Shemtov bill were passed in its present form, it would go some way to separating Kupat Holim from the Histadrut in the minds of the insured population. The tasks of planning and control that Shemtov allocates to the Health Ministry could be vested in a National Health *Authority. This would* start habituating itself to its new job as the agency ultimately responsible for the nation's health service.

The diminished role of Kupat Holim and the increased role of the state in public medicine, which is implicit in the Shemtov bill, would make the next step easier. The Histadrut would adapt itself to change in the balance of forces, as also would the government and the public. Everyone would understand that this is a transitional situation. All would try to learn from the experience, and study the new problems thrown up.

If all went well, the time might come, perhaps at the beginning of the 1980s, when the system advocated in the Sohar report could be enacted — whether by a Likud or by a *Labour government* — more painlessly and perhaps more efficiently than would be possible by rushing controversial legislation through the Knesset at the present crisis-ridden moment in Israel history.

READERS' LETTERS

RUDE BEHAVIOUR

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — *The Post's* first-page picture of January 29, "The Prime Minister meeting news-hungry reporters," stunned and shocked me.

Are some gentlemen of the press so rude and lacking in manners that one of them confronts Mr. Begin with a cigar in his mouth, in spite of the fact that his dislike of people smoking in his presence is well known?

THEA HAREL

Tel Aviv.

TRAINING DOGS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I have ceased to be amazed at the number of Israelis who want police type (attack trained) dogs and expect the work to be done cheaply.

Assuming the dog is suitable (and most family pets are not), it first requires approximately one month of basic training. This must be followed by another month of extensive *training using several* assistants, all of whom must be paid.

There can be no such thing as half training. Either the dog is trained or he is not, and a half-trained animal is as dangerous as a faulty gun: either he won't protect you under all circumstances, or he is uncontrollable when he decides to do so.

R. E. LAPIDUS
Canine Training Centre

Tel Aviv.

MORE ON VOLUNTEERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I read with interest the views of Ms. Lydia Aisenberg (January 15) on volunteers in Mishmar Ha'emek. I have been a volunteer there for over 12 weeks and see the situation somewhat differently.

Volunteers are in a state of alienation. They feel a lack of involvement in the kibbutz, due to language, age and cultural differences. As a consequence, they feel their labour is their only form of contribution. This creates a situation where the volunteer is only concerned with physical conditions as opposed to a sense of being a part of the kibbutz. He loses his idealistic objective for having come to the kibbutz.

Consequently, volunteers are leaving this kibbutz with unfavourable impressions of the kibbutz and Israel.

This problem is equally complicated for the kibbutzniks. Volunteers are transient individuals and groups. It is a taxing and repetitive process for kibbutzniks to form relationships for a short period. Moreover, it requires considerable effort to overcome communication difficulties. Kibbutzniks are after all individuals with their own problems and Mishmar Ha'emek, being a large kibbutz, does not lend itself to achieving the optimum degree of involvement.

It is extremely important that the problems cited be rectified, for the sake of volunteers, kibbutzniks, Mishmar Ha'emek and Israel alike. A more tolerant and responsive attitude is necessary. If the kibbutz views the volunteers primarily as a labour force, then this should be made clear at the time of recruitment. Alternatively, if the aim is to involve volunteers in kibbutz life, then kibbutzim must see this as one of their active responsibilities. To help attain this, a possible solution is to have a minimum required stay of six months.

Unless kibbutzniks are prepared to identify their responsibilities and implement changes, then I feel it not too bold a suggestion that a *moratorium on volunteer recruit*ment be seriously considered.

PETER COOPER

Mishmar Ha'emek.

PARADOXICAL APPROACH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I read with great interest the two stories, "Dayan: We back Ethiopia..." and "Ehrlich offers South Africans 'attractive' deals in Israel" which appeared on the same page and date in *The Post* (February 7).

I find the subjects discussed in these stories rather paradoxical. Ethiopia is a country that is fighting a calculated aggression by the Somali government and an invasion of its territory. Any help given to Ethiopia to defend itself and guard its integrity is indeed highly commendable.

On the other hand, I find it puzzling and sad that the leadership of a nation whose prophets taught the idea of the universality of mankind and condemned all forms of injustice, and whose very people have been subjected to great humiliation, sorrow and suffering primarily because of ideas born out of racialist philosophies, loses sight of such a *significant perspective and allows* itself to be entangled with a nation whose laws uphold the philosophy of racial inequality and apartheid.

EPHRAIM ISAAC
Visiting Professor

Jerusalem.

HIRBET HIZA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — For obvious reasons, I have not seen the film, "Hirbet Hiza." It appears that it deals with the moral qualms of some of our youth. The kind of dilemma treated in the film is rightly vaunted as the hall-mark of our society, concerned with squaring the immediate exigences of siege with the broader principles to which it is committed. It shows that we are no Spartan monsters, an image with whose propagation our detractors try to poison the atmosphere. The question then is: are we to be fed on simplistic, low-minded clichés and gross symbols, or are we facing our problems by our own standards?

The point seems to be that some of the facts shown are not palatable. This exactly is the reason for which they ought to be made known. This is part of our education, our concern with our values, for which alone we carry responsibility and which is second to no other consideration.

The least convincing argument is that the film "strengthens" the PLO *and the like. To start with, the PLO* hardly needs any encouragement. Hiding the facts is a gratuitous admission of weakness and an endorsement of their arguments. Admitting them is a source of inner and outer strength. The very fact of prohibition creates suspicion and plays right into the hands of our adversaries, just as openness gives the lie to their gross falsehoods.

No enlightened public wants to be tutored in a way that diminishes its pride of living in a free society. Three hundred years ago, Milton wrote on the suppression of free opinion that "it hinders and retards the importation of our richest merchandise — truth."

The question is not a formal one, whether those that attained the *deferment were within the law or* not. It is whether they did a service or disservice to the general public.

We are, of course, not the first and not the only ones, to act in this way. In 1871, the "Times" of London vehemently protested against the publication of a book on anthropology since it was inopportune at a time when the Commune set Paris on fire. Its name was "The descent of Man." The author was Charles Robert Darwin.

LEO SAVIR

Jerusalem.

Sir, — The masochistic tendencies of Israeli society are surfacing again. Instead of showing the world the countless instances of correct and proper behaviour of Israeli soldiers toward Arab civilians and Arab soldiers captured in the various wars, Israeli TV decides to show one of the few incidents which may not be illustrative of this norm. I would expect such a programme to originate in the Arab propaganda mills, but not in the Israeli government television station which is paid for by the Israeli people.

At a time when Israel desperately needs a good image to counter Arab propaganda, let our TV people be more mindful of their national responsibility.

JOSHUA J. ADLER

Jerusalem.

Sir, — To screen or not to screen — that is the question. Entrenched in their own good conscience, everybody is right.

What about a third solution? Why not put together quickly some other films, such as a human approach story about the plight of a Jewish family in the Old City of Jerusalem in 1948, or a good story, not just a documentary, about the Good Fence?

L. TUCHBAND

Jerusalem.

Dry Bones



FALSE CULT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — On January 24, you printed a letter from a Mr. Kaplan, who extolled the virtues of transcendental meditation.

Mr. Kaplan *makes two specific* claims which are at once contrary to God's commands and are to be realized only when a Jew is walking circumspectly with his God. He says that "the solution to all problems is located in the technique of meditation," and the attainment of "harmony, peace and the invincibility of the nation" is possible through *meditation.*

The Land of Israel was given by God to a God-fearing nation — the Jews. The problems that all Jews to this day have had to face stem from their rejecting God's commandments and turning to ways following their own desires and false gods. Turning to false gods in times of extremity has never helped Israel in the past. To do so today is equally foolish.

DANIEL WAR[illegible]

Kiryat Anavim.

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